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SESSION HELD IN BALTIMORE, MD., MAY 5-23, 1898.

- Alabama Conference.**—*Clerical:* A. J. Lamar, J. O. Keener, J. M. Mason, T. F. Mangum. *Alternates*—J. O. Andrew, J. R. Peavy. *Lay:* W. F. Vandiver, D. C. Turnipseed, John Massey, J. M. Carmichael. *Alternates*—M. D. Thomason, O. D. Smith..... 8
- Arkansas Conference.**—*Clerical:* F. S. H. Johnston, James A. Anderson, George W. Hill. *Alternate*—P. B. Summers. *Lay:* G. P. Jackson, J. W. Maddux, J. M. Jenkins. *Alternate*—W. W. Jennings. 6
- Baltimore Conference.**—*Clerical:* Collins Denny, Rumsey Smithson, Peter H. Whisner, John A. Kern, John S. Hutchinson. *Alternates*—David Bush, James E. Armstrong, James H. Boyd. *Lay:* Robert Magruder, Edward S. Conrad, Peter V. D. Conway, L. Judson Williams, John W. Woods. *Alternates*—Edgar D. Newman, Henry H. Jones, Martin L. Jarrett..... 10
- Brazil Mission Conference.**—*Clerical:* Miguel Dickie. *Alternate*—H. C. Tucker. *Lay:* C. G. S. Shalders. *Alternate*—J. W. Coachman.. 2
- Central Mexico Mission Conference.**—*Clerical:* Angel Blanco. *Alternate*—J. S. Rivera. *Lay:* Amado Robles. *Alternate*—Santiago Figueroa..... 2
- China Mission Conference.**—*Clerical:* Young J. Allen. *Alternate*—M. B. Hill. *Lay:* John D. Marshall..... 2
- Columbia Conference.**—*Clerical:* H. S. Shangle. *Alternate*—R. A. Reagan. *Lay:* W. A. McGhee. *Alternate*—E. R. Skipworth..... 2
- Denver Conference.**—*Clerical:* J. H. Ledbetter. *Alternate*—W. H. Howard. *Lay:* J. R. Killian. *Alternate*—J. W. Widderfield..... 2
- East Columbia Conference.**—*Clerical:* Elijah G. Michael. *Alternate*—J. W. Compton. *Lay:* James J. Adkins. *Alternate*—William Gray. 2
- East Texas Conference.**—*Clerical:* T. P. Smith, John Adams. *Alternates*—J. T. Smith, O. P. Thomas. *Lay:* T. S. Garrison, A. J. Gray. *Alternates*—F. S. Eberheart, J. R. Heartsill..... 4
- Florida Conference.**—*Clerical:* Charles A. Fulwood, Joseph C. Sale, Claude A. Saunders. *Alternates*—Robert H. Barnett, Josephus Anderson. *Lay:* Charles W. White, Charles T. Carroll, George A. Hanson. *Alternates*—H. W. Long, H. H. Speer..... 6

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- German Mission Conference.**—*Clerical:* A. E. Rector. Alternate—J. A. G. Rabe. *Lay:* L. Pietzsch. Alternate—G. E. Hinrichsen 2
- Holston Conference.**—*Clerical:* E. E. Hoss, R. G. Waterhouse, R. N. Price, F. Richardson, C. T. Carroll. Alternates—J. A. Lyons, J. A. Burrow. *Lay:* J. W. Hicks, O. W. Patton, T. W. Jordan, E. C. Reeves, T. C. Vaughan. Alternates—A. L. Spears, G. R. Stuart 10
- Illinois Conference.**—*Clerical:* J. W. Westcott. Alternate—J. D. Crooks. *Lay:* S. S. Vick. Alternate—D. C. Joplin 2
- Indian Mission Conference.**—*Clerical:* C. M. Coppedge, A. N. Averyt, T. F. Brewer. Alternates—A. C. Pickens, J. J. Lovett. *Lay:* C. C. Mathis, A. J. Wolverton, T. P. Howell. Alternates—H. D. Knisely, M. S. Wolverton 6
- Japan Mission Conference.**—*Clerical:* John C. C. Newton. Alternate—Crowder B. Moseley. *Lay:* Yoshida Rūchiro. Alternate—Nishimura Seichiro 2
- Kentucky Conference.**—*Clerical:* Julius Edwin Wright, John R. Deering, George W. Young. Alternates—Alexander Redd, William F. Taylor. *Lay:* William Winslow Ball, Robert Taylor Marshall, James F. Browinski. Alternates—Joseph Horner, J. C. Lewis 6
- Little Rock Conference.**—*Clerical:* Andrew Hunter, J. R. Moore, J. H. Riffin. Alternate—T. D. Scott. *Lay:* J. H. Hinemon, J. D. Clary, R. N. Ross. Alternate—I. N. Runyon 6
- Los Angeles Conference.**—*Clerical:* J. J. N. Kenney. Alternate—J. M. Weems. *Lay:* Ulrich Knoch. Alternate—E. D. Elliott 2
- Louisiana Conference.**—*Clerical:* William H. LaPrade, Franklin N. Parker, Charles W. Carter. Alternates—John T. Sawyer, Thomas J. Upton. *Lay:* William B. Thomson, Samford B. McCutchen, John N. Pharr. Alternates—Augustus M. Mayo, Charles L. Andrews 6
- Louisville Conference.**—*Clerical:* David Morton, H. C. Morrison, Gross Alexander, John W. Lewis. Alternates—W. K. Piner, D. S. Campbell. *Lay:* John L. Wheat, R. E. Crockett, W. S. Johnson, T. J. Williams. Alternates—B. F. Bowman, Charles R. Long 8
- Memphis Conference.**—*Clerical:* R. H. Mahon, Warner Moore, G. W. Wilson, W. A. Freeman. Alternates—W. T. Harris, A. R. Wilson. *Lay:* T. B. King, A. W. Newsom, J. R. Pepper, L. S. Woods. Alternates—J. Y. Barbee, J. H. Harrison 8
- Mexican Border Mission Conference.**—*Clerical:* T. del Valle. Alternate—D. W. Carter. *Lay:* B. G. Marsh. Alternate—B. G. Atlee 2
- Mississippi Conference.**—*Clerical:* C. G. Andrews, W. C. Black, A. F. Watkins. Alternates—T. L. Mellen, W. B. Lewis. *Lay:* S. B. Watts, Edward Mayes, H. B. McGehee. Alternates—I. Miller, R. W. Millsaps 6
- Missouri Conference.**—*Clerical:* Joseph H. Pritchett, John Anderson, W. F. Packard, R. H. Cooper. Alternates—George J. Warren, W. F. McMurry. *Lay:* John D. Vincil, B. J. Casteel, W. G. Miller, E. B. Craighead. Alternates—P. P. Ellis, J. M. Proctor 8
- Montana Conference.**—*Clerical:* S. B. Tabor. Alternate—D. B. Price. *Lay:* A. G. Clark. Alternate—J. W. Kemper 2

- New Mexico Conference.**—*Clerical:* Mark Hodgson. Alternate—Robert Hodgson. *Lay:* A. E. Brown. Alternate—W. E. Foulks 2
- North Alabama Conference.**—*Clerical:* Anson West, J. W. Newman, S. L. Dobbs, S. M. Hosmer. Alternates—John D. Simpson, John B. Gregory. *Lay:* Daniel Collier, John C. Le Grand, Nathan M. Rowe, Isaac D. Mason. Alternates—Thomas Bradford, John R. Kennedy. 8
- North Carolina Conference.**—*Clerical:* J. C. Kilgo, E. A. Yates, T. N. Ivey, F. D. Swindell. Alternates—W. C. Norman, J. A. Cuningim. *Lay:* Joseph G. Brown, B. N. Duke, D. B. Zollicoffer, L. S. Smith. Alternates—Q. K. Nimocks, W. R. Branson 8
- North Georgia Conference.**—*Clerical:* Warren A. Candler, John D. Hammond, William P. Lovejoy, W. F. Glenn, R. J. Bigham, W. W. Wadsworth, M. J. Cofer. Alternates—J. F. Mixon, W. F. Cook, J. W. Heidt. *Lay:* Sam P. Jones, Thomas H. Dozier, Fletcher A. Quillian, R. M. McIntosh, B. S. Willingham, L. S. Ledbetter, P. B. Johnson. Alternates—I. E. Shumate, E. W. Martin, J. T. Duncan. 14
- North Mississippi Conference.**—*Clerical:* W. B. Murrah, J. W. Boswell, T. W. Lewis, J. S. Oakley. Alternates—S. A. Steel, W. T. J. Sullivan. *Lay:* R. W. Jones, A. H. George, W. R. Trigg, G. J. Leftwich. Alternates—J. B. Streater, P. B. Jones..... 8
- North Texas Conference.**—*Clerical:* J. H. McLean, I. W. Clark, T. R. Pierce, I. S. Ashburn. Alternates—J. M. Binkley, W. H. Hughes. *Lay:* B. M. Burgher, F. B. Sinex, P. C. Thurmond, Sidney Bass. Alternates—H. N. Tuck, W. H. Hancock..... 8
- Northwest Mexican Mission Conference.**—*Clerical:* E. Quinones. Alternate—P. Vasquez. *Lay:* J. F. Arango..... 2
- Northwest Texas Conference.**—*Clerical:* W. L. Nelms, James Campbell, S. P. Wright, J. R. Nelson, E. A. Bailey, J. M. Barcus. Alternates—Horace Bishop, E. A. Smith, W. F. Lloyd. *Lay:* Asa Holt, J. M. Robertson, D. S. Switzer, G. H. Mulkey, R. S. Hyer, J. W. Robbins. Alternates—W. H. Lastinger, W. H. Knight, W. L. Ayers, E. T. Murchison, B. H. Woods, Jr., W. J. Barcus 12
- Pacific Conference.**—*Clerical:* W. F. Coffin, J. C. Simmons. Alternate—John Hannon. *Lay:* J. P. Strother, L. P. Farmer. Alternates—B. Campbell, G. V. Northey..... 4
- South Carolina Conference.**—*Clerical:* S. A. Weber, John A. Rice, J. A. Clifton, J. W. Daniel, John O. Willson, W. R. Richardson. Alternates—S. Lander, C. B. Smith, E. T. Hodges. *Lay:* James H. Carlisle, R. L. Coleman, L. D. Childs, R. O. Purdy, G. E. Prince, J. B. Humbert. Alternates—Benjamin Greig, L. B. Haynes, H. Baer..... 12
- South Georgia Conference.**—*Clerical:* J. O. Branch, C. E. Dowman, J. B. McGehee, George G. N. MacDonell, J. W. Hinton. Alternates—W. C. Lovett, A. M. Williams. *Lay:* N. P. Banks, S. B. Adams, John L. Day, B. F. Whittington, M. C. Austin. Alternates—J. H. McGehee, N. E. Harris, N. W. Dozier..... 10
- Southwest Missouri Conference.**—*Clerical:* W. B. Palmore, W. T. McClure, C. C. Woods, Jno. J. Tigert. Alternates—Ben V. Alton, C. H.

Briggs. <i>Lay</i> : Matt. W. Hall, Thomas W. Cassell, John A. Rich, James C. Shelton. Alternates—B. W. Appleby, Thomas J. Wallace.	8
St. Louis Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : S. H. Werlein, E. B. Chappell. Alternates—B. M. Messick, A. J. Green. <i>Lay</i> : J. L. Carlisle, M. R. Smith. Alternates—R. G. Applegate, J. N. Holmes.	4
Tennessee Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : D. C. Kelley, H. B. Reams, W. J. Collier, J. D. Barbee, T. A. Kerley. Alternates—J. A. Orman, J. T. Curry. <i>Lay</i> : W. M. Baskervill, E. W. Cole, Frazier Cochran, D. C. Scales, W. T. Thomas. Alternates—B. L. Rice, S. V. Wall.	10
Texas Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : Seth Ward, E. W. Solomon. Alternates—O. T. Hotchkiss, John B. Cochran. <i>Lay</i> : H. C. Pritchett, J. D. Campbell. Alternates—E. P. Hamblen, John E. Crawford.	4
Virginia Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : J. Powell Garland, Robert N. Sledd, Paul Whitehead, Alexander G. Brown, A. Coke Smith, William E. Edwards. Alternates—James C. Reed, William G. Starr, John J. Lafferty. <i>Lay</i> : William W. Smith, A. E. Kellam, Charles E. Vawter, Richard W. Peatross, Richard S. Paulett, John P. Branch. Alternates—E. G. Moseley, J. C. Parker, Carter Glass.	12
West Texas Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : J. D. Scott, Sterling Fisher. Alternates—I. T. Morris, J. W. Stovall. <i>Lay</i> : J. S. McKinnon, J. E. Pritchett. Alternates—Alonzo Rees, V. M. West.	4
Western Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : W. H. Comer. Alternate—F. A. White. <i>Lay</i> : B. R. Scott. Alternate—J. B. Stornes.	2
Western North Carolina Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : James Atkins, James H. Weaver, John R. Brooks, Charles W. Byrd, Paul J. Carraway. Alternates—J. R. Scroggs, J. C. Rowe, L. W. Crawford. <i>Lay</i> : F. Stikeleather, B. F. Dixon, W. R. Odell, M. O. Sherrill, F. C. Robbins. Alternates—J. G. Staples, G. W. Hinshaw, J. S. Martin.	10
Western Virginia Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : T. S. Wade, South G. Preston. Alternates—S. F. McClung, B. F. Gosling. <i>Lay</i> : E. B. Hawkins, H. J. Wagoner. Alternates—J. M. Ferguson, John A. Grose.	4
White River Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : S. H. Babcock, J. H. Dye. Alternate—M. M. Smith. <i>Lay</i> : A. L. Malone, R. R. James. Alternate—J. R. Metcalfe.	4

Clerical delegates 136

Lay delegates 136

Total 272

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF DELEGATES ELECT.

CLERICAL DELEGATES.

Name.	Conference.	Name.	Conference.
Adams, John.....	East Texas	Dobbs, S. L.....	North Alabama
Alexander, Gross.....	Louisville	Dowman, C. E.....	South Georgia
Allen, Young J.....	China Mission	Dye, J. H.....	White River
Anderson, James A.....	Arkansas	Edwards, William E.....	Virginia
Anderson, John.....	Missouri	Fisher, Sterling.....	West Texas
Andrews, C. G.....	Mississippi	Freeman, W. A.....	Memphis
Ashburn, I. S.....	North Texas	Fulwood, Charles A.....	Florida
Atkins, James.....	Western N. Carolina	Garland, J. Powell.....	Virginia
Averyt, A. N.....	Indian Mission	Glenn, W. F.....	North Georgia
Bailey, E. A.....	Northwest Texas	Hammond, John D....	North Georgia
Babcock, S. H.....	White River	Hill, George W.....	Arkansas
Barbee, J. D.....	Tennessee	Hinton, J. W.....	South Georgia
Barcus, J. M.....	Northwest Texas	Hodgson, Mark.....	New Mexico
Bigham, R. J.....	North Georgia	Hosmer, S. M.....	North Alabama
Black, W. C.	Mississippi	Hoss, E. E.....	Holston
Blanco, Angel.....	Central Mexico Mis.	Hunter, Andrew.....	Little Rock
Boswell, J. W.....	North Mississippi	Hutchinson, John S.....	Baltimore
Branch, J. O.....	South Georgia	Ivey, T. N.....	North Carolina
Brewer, T. F.....	Indian Mission	Johnston, F. S. H.....	Arkansas
Brooks, John R.....	Western N. Carolina	Keener, J. O.....	Alabama
Brown, Alexander G.....	Virginia	Kelley, D. C.....	Tennessee
Byrd, C. W.....	Western N. Carolina	Kenney, J. J. N.....	Los Angeles
Campbell, James....	Northwest Texas	Kerley, T. A.....	Tennessee
Candler, Warren A....	North Georgia	Kern, John A.....	Baltimore
Carraway, P. J.....	Western N. Carolina	Kilgo, J. C.....	North Carolina
Carroll, C. T.....	Holston	Lamar, A. J.....	Alabama
Carter, Charles W.....	Louisiana	LaPrade, William H.....	Louisiana
Chappell, E. B.....	St. Louis	Ledbetter, J. H.....	Denver
Clark, I. W.....	North Texas	Lewis, John W.....	Louisville
Clifton, J. A.....	South Carolina	Lewis, T. W.....	North Mississippi
Cofer, M. J.....	North Georgia	Lovejoy, William P....	North Georgia
Coffin, W. F.....	Pacific	MacDonell, Geo. G. N..	South Georgia
Collier, W. J.....	Tennessee	Mahon, R. H.....	Memphis
Comer, W. H.....	Western	Mangum, T. F.....	Alabama
Cooper, R. H.....	Missouri	Mason, J. M.....	Alabama
Coppedge, C. M.....	Indian Mission	McClure, W. T....	Southwest Missouri
Daniel, J. W.....	South Carolina	McGehee, J. B.....	South Georgia
Deering, John R.....	Kentucky	McLean, J. H.....	North Texas
Del Valle, T....	Mexican Border Mis.	Michael, Elijah G....	East Columbia
Denny, Collins.....	Baltimore	Moore, J. R.....	Little Rock
Dickie, Miguel.....	Brazil Mission	Moore, Warner.....	Memphis

Alphabetical List of Delegates Elect.

Name.	Conference.	Name.	Conference.
Morrison, H. C.....	Louisville	Sledd, Robert N.....	Virginia
Morton, David.....	Louisville	Smith, A. Coke.....	Virginia
Murrah, W. B.....	North Mississippi	Smith, T. P.....	East Texas
Nelms, W. L.....	Northwest Texas	Smithson, Rumsey.....	Baltimore
Nelson, J. R.....	Northwest Texas	Solomon, E. W.....	Texas
Newman, J. W.....	North Alabama	Swindell, F. D.....	North Carolina
Newton, John C. C....	Japan Mission	Tabor, S. B.....	Montana
Oakley, J. S.....	North Mississippi	Tigert, Jno. J....	Southwest Missouri
Packard, W. F.....	Missouri	Wade, T. S.....	Western Virginia
Palmore, W. B.....	Southwest Missouri	Wadsworth, W. W....	North Georgia
Parker, Franklin N.....	Louisiana	Ward, Seth.....	Texas
Pierce, T. R.....	North Texas	Waterhouse, R. G.....	Holston
Preston, South G.....	Western Virginia	Watkins, A. F.....	Mississippi
Price, R. N.....	Holston	Weaver, J. H....	Western N. Carolina
Pritchett, Joseph H.....	Missouri	Weber, S. A.....	South Carolina
Quinones, E.....	Northwest Mexican Mis.	Werlein, S. H.....	St. Louis
Reams, H. B.....	Tennessee	West, Anson.....	North Alabama
Rector, A. E.....	German Mission	Westcott, J. W.....	Illinois
Rice, John A.....	South Carolina	Whisner, Peter H.....	Baltimore
Richardson, F.....	Holston	Whitehead, Paul.....	Virginia
Richardson, W. R....	South Carolina	Wilson, G. W.....	Memphis
Riggin, J. H.....	Little Rock	Willson, Jno. O.....	South Carolina
Sale, Joseph C.....	Florida	Woods, C. C.....	Southwest Missouri
Saunders, Claude A.....	Florida	Wright, Julius Edwin....	Kentucky
Scott, J. D.....	West Texas	Wright, S. P.....	Northwest Texas
Shangle, H. S.....	Columbia	Yates, E. A.....	North Carolina
Simmons, J. C.....	Pacific	Young, George W.....	Kentucky

LAY DELEGATES.

Adams, S. B.....	South Georgia	Carroll, Charles T.....	Florida
Adkins, James J.....	Columbia	Cassell, Thos. W....	Southwest Missouri
Arango, J. F....	Northwest Mex. Mis.	Casteel, B. J.....	Missouri
Austin, M. C.....	South Georgia	Childs, L. D.....	South Carolina
Ball, William Winslow...	Kentucky	Clark, A. G.....	Montana
Banks, N. P.....	South Georgia	Clary, J. D.....	Little Rock
Baskervill, W. M.....	Tennessee	Cochran, Frazier.....	Tennessee
Bass, Sidney.....	North Texas	Cole, E. W.....	Tennessee
Branch, John P.....	Virginia	Coleman, R. L.....	South Carolina
Browinski, James F.....	Kentucky	Collier, Daniel.....	North Alabama
Brown, A. E.....	New Mexico	Conrad, Edward S.....	Baltimore
Brown, Joseph G....	North Carolina	Conway, Peter V. D.....	Baltimore
Burgher, B. M.....	North Texas	Craighead, E. B.....	Missouri
Campbell, J. D.....	Texas	Crockett, R. E.....	Louisville
Carlisle, James H....	South Carolina	Day, John L.....	South Georgia
Carlisle, J. L.....	St. Louis	Dixon, B. F....	Western North Carolina
Carmichael, J. M.....	Alabama	Dozier, Thomas H....	North Georgia

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Name.	Conference.	Name.	Conference.
Duke, B. N.....	North Carolina	Odell, W. R....	Western N. Carolina
Farmer, L. P..	Pacific	Patton, O. W.....	Holston
Garrison, T. S.....	East Texas	Paulett, Richard S.....	Virginia
George, A. H.....	North Mississippi	Peatross, Richard W.....	Virginia
Gray, A. J.....	East Texas	Pepper, J. R.....	Memphis
Hall, Matt. W....	Southwest Missouri	Pharr, John N.....	Louisiana
Hanson, George A.....	Florida	Pietzsch, L.....	German Mission
Hawkins, E. B....	Western Virginia	Prince, G. E.....	South Carolina
Hicks, J. W.....	Holston	Pritchett, H. C.....	Texas
Hinemon, J. H.....	Little Rock	Pritchett, J. E.....	West Texas
Holt, Asa.....	Northwest Texas	Purdy, R. O.....	South Carolina
Howell, T. P.....	Indian Mission	Quillian, Fletcher A..	North Georgia
Humbert, J. B.....	South Carolina	Reeves, E. C.....	Holston
Hyer, R. S.....	Northwest Texas	Rich, John A....	Southwest Missouri
Jackson, G. P.....	Arkansas	Robbins, F. C....	Western N. Carolina
James, R. R.....	White River	Robbins, J. W.....	Northwest Texas
Jenkins, J. M.....	Arkansas	Robertson, J. M....	Northwest Texas
Johnson, P. B.....	North Georgia	Robles, Amado..	Central Mexico Mis.
Johnson, W. S.....	Louisville	Ross, R. N.....	Little Rock
Jones, R. W.....	North Mississippi	Rowe, Nathan M....	North Alabama
Jones, Sam P.....	North Georgia	Ruchihiro, Yoshida....	Japan Mission
Jordan, T. W.....	Holston	Scales, D. C.....	Tennessee
Kellam, A. E....	Virginia	Scott, B. R.....	Western
Killian, J. R.....	Denver	Shalders, C. G. S.....	Baltimore
King, T. B.....	Memphis	Shelton, Jas. C..	Southwest Missouri
Knoch, Ulrich.....	Los Angeles	Sherrill, M. O....	Western N. Carolina
Ledbetter, L. S.....	North Georgia	Sinex, F. B.....	North Texas
Leftwich, G. J....	North Mississippi	Smith, L. S.....	North Carolina
LeGrand, John C....	North Alabama	Smith, M. R.....	St. Louis
Maddux, J. W.....	Arkansas	Smith, William W.....	Virginia
Magruder, Robert.....	Baltimore	Stikeleather, F..	Western N. Carolina
Malone, A. L.....	White River	Strother, J. P.....	Pacific
Marsh, B. G..	Mexican Border Mission	Switzer, D. S.....	Northwest Texas
Marshall, John D....	China Mission	Thomas, W. T.....	Tennessee
Marshall, Robert Taylor..	Kentucky	Thomson, William B....	Louisiana
Mason, Isaac D.....	North Alabama	Thurmond, P. C.....	North Texas
Massey, John.....	Alabama	Trigg, W. R.....	North Mississippi
Mathis, C. C.....	Indian Mission	Turnipseed, D. C.....	Alabama
Mayes, Edward.....	Mississippi	Vandiver, W. F.....	Alabama
McCutchen, Samford B....	Louisiana	Vaughan, T. C.....	Holston
McGehee, H. B.....	Mississippi	Vawter, Charles E.....	Virginia
McGhee, W. A.....	Columbia	Vick, S. S.....	Illinois
McIntosh, R. M.....	North Georgia	Vincil, John D.....	Missouri
McKinnon, J. S.....	West Texas	Wagoner, H. J....	Western Virginia
Miller, W. G.....	Missouri	Watts, S. B.....	Mississippi
Mulkey, G. H.....	Northwest Texas	Wheat, John L.....	Louisville
Newsom, A. W.....	Memphis	White, Charles W.....	Florida

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Name.	Conference.	Name.	Conference.
Whittington, B. F....	South Georgia	Wolverton, A. J....	Indian Mission
Williams, L. Judson.....	Baltimore	Woods, John W.....	Baltimore
Williams, T. J.....	Louisville	Woods, L. S.....	Memphis
Willingham, B. S.....	North Georgia	Zollicoffer, D. B.....	North Carolina

CLERICAL ALTERNATES.

Alton, B. V.....	Southwest Missouri	Mellen, T. L.....	Mississippi
Anderson, Josephus.....	Florida	Messick, B. M.....	St. Louis
Andrew, J. O.....	Alabama	Mixon, J. F.....	North Georgia
Armstrong, James E.....	Baltimore	Morris, I. T.....	West Texas
Barnett, Robert H.....	Florida	Moseley, Crowder B...	Japan Mission
Binkley, J. M.....	North Texas	Norman, W. C.....	North Carolina
Bishop, Horace.....	Northwest Texas	Orman, J. A.....	Tennessee
Boyd, James H.....	Baltimore	Peavy, J. R.....	Alabama
Briggs, C. H.....	Southwest Missouri	Pickens, A. C.....	Indian Mission
Burrow, J. A.....	Holston	Piner, W. K.....	Louisville
Bush, David.....	Baltimore	Price, D. B.....	Montana
Campbell, D. S.....	Louisville	Rabe, J. A. G.....	German Mission
Carter, D. W....	Mexican Border Mis.	Reagan, R. A.....	Columbia
Cochran, John B.....	Texas	Reed, James C.....	Virginia
Compton, J. W.....	East Columbia	Redd, Alexander.....	Kentucky
Cook, W. F.....	North Georgia	Rivera, J. S..	Central Mexico Mission
Crawford, L. W..	Western N. Carolina	Rowe, J. C..	Western North Carolina
Crooks, J. D.....	Illinois	Sawyer, John T.....	Louisiana
Cuninggim, J. A....	North Carolina	Scott, T. D.....	Little Rock
Curry, J. T.....	Tennessee	Scroggs, J. R....	Western N. Carolina
Gosling, B. F.....	Western Virginia	Simpson, John D....	North Alabama
Green, A. J.....	St. Louis	Smith, C. B.....	South Carolina
Gregory, John B....	North Alabama	Smith, E. A.....	Northwest Texas
Hannon, John.....	Pacific	Smith, J. T.....	East Texas
Harris, W. T.....	Memphis	Smith, M. M.....	White River
Heidt, J. W.....	North Georgia	Starr, William G.....	Virginia
Hill, M. B.....	China Mission	Steel, S. A.....	North Mississippi
Hodges, E. T.....	South Carolina	Stovall, J. W.....	West Texas
Hodgson, Robert.....	New Mexico	Sullivan, W. T. J..	North Mississippi
Hotchkiss, O. T.....	Texas	Summers, P. B.....	Arkansas
Howard, W. H.....	Denver	Taylor, William F.....	Kentucky
Hughes, W. H.....	North Texas	Thomas, O. P.....	East Texas
Lafferty, John J.....	Virginia	Tucker, H. C.....	Brazil Mission
Lander, S.....	South Carolina	Upton, Thomas J.....	Louisiana
Lewis, W. B.....	Mississippi	Vasquez, P..	Northwest Mexican Mis.
Lloyd, W. F.....	Northwest Texas	Warren, George J.....	Missouri
Lovett, J. J....	Indian Mission	Weems, J. M.....	Los Angeles
Lovett, W. C.....	South Georgia	White, F. A.....	Western
Lyons, J. A.....	Holston	Williams, A. M.....	South Georgia
McClung, S. F.....	Western Virginia	Wilson, A. R.....	Memphis
McMurry, W. F.....	Missouri		

LAY ALTERNATES.

Name.	Conference.	Name.	Conference.
Andrews, Charles L.....	Louisiana	Kennedy, John R....	North Alabama
Appleby, B. W.....	Southwest Missouri	Knight, W. H.....	Northwest Texas
Applegate, R. G.....	St. Louis	Knisely, H. D.....	Indian Mission
Atlee, B. G..	Mexican Border Mission	Lastinger, W. H....	Northwest Texas
Ayers, W. L.....	Northwest Texas	Lewis, J. C.....	Kentucky
Baer, H.....	South Carolina	Long, Charles R.....	Louisville
Barbee, J. Y.....	Memphis	Long, H. W.....	Florida
Barcus, W. J.....	Northwest Texas	Martin, E. W.....	North Georgia
Bowman, B. F.....	Louisville	Martin, J. S....	Western N. Carolina
Bradford, Thomas...	North Alabama	Mayo, Augustus M.....	Louisiana
Branson, W. R.....	North Carolina	McGehee, J. H.....	South Georgia
Campbell, B.....	Pacific	Metcalfe, J. R.....	White River
Coachman, J. W.....	Brazil Mission	Miller, I.....	Mississippi
Crawford, John E.....	Texas	Millsaps, R. W.....	Mississippi
Dozier, N. W.....	South Georgia	Moseley, E. G.....	Virginia
Duncan, J. T.....	North Georgia	Murchison, E. T....	Northwest Texas
Eberheart, F. S.....	East Texas	Newman, Edgar D.....	Baltimore
Elliott, E. D.....	Los Angeles	Nimocks, Q. K.....	North Carolina
Ellis, P. P.....	Missouri	Northey, G. V.....	Pacific
Ferguson, J. M....	Western Virginia	Parker, J. C.....	Virginia
Figueroa, S..	Central Mexico Mission	Proctor, J. M.....	Missouri
Foulks, W. E.....	New Mexico	Rees, Alonzo.....	West Texas
Glass, Carter.....	Virginia	Rice, B. L.....	Tennessee
Gray, William.....	East Columbia	Runyon, I. N.....	Little Rock
Greig, Benjamin....	South Carolina	Seichiro, Nishimura...	Japan Mission
Grose, John A....	Western Virginia	Shumate, I. E.....	North Georgia
Hamblen, E. P.....	Texas	Skipworth, E. R.....	Columbia
Hancock, W. H.....	North Texas	Smith, O. D.....	Alabama
Harris, N. E.....	South Georgia	Spears, A. L.....	Holston
Harrison, J. H.....	Memphis	Speer, H. H.....	Florida
Haynes, L. B.....	South Carolina	Staples, J. G.....	Holston
Heartsill, J. R.....	East Texas	Stornes, J. B.....	Western
Hinrichsen, G. E..	German Mission	Streater, J. B.....	North Mississippi
Hinshaw, G. W..	Western N. Carolina	Stuart, G. R.....	Holston
Holmes, J. N.....	St. Louis	Thomason, M. D.....	Alabama
Horner, Joseph.....	Kentucky	Tuck, H. N.....	North Texas
Jarrett, Martin L.....	Baltimore	Wallace, T. J....	Southwest Missouri
Jennings, W. W.....	Arkansas	Wall, S. V.....	Tennessee
Jones, Henry H.....	Baltimore	West, V. M.....	West Texas
Jones, P. B.....	North Mississippi	Widderfield, J. W.....	Denver
Joplin, D. C.....	Illinois	Wolverton, M. S....	Indian Mission
Kemper, J. W.....	Montana	Woods, B. H., Jr...	Northwest Texas
Total clerical delegates.....		136	
Total clerical alternates.....		81—217	
Total lay delegates.....		136	
Total lay alternates.....		84—220	

Grand total.....

MEMBERS

OF THE

THIRTEENTH GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

Alabama Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> A. J. Lamar, J. O. Keener, J. M. Mason, T. F. Mangum. <i>Lay:</i> W. F. Vandiver, D. C. Turnipseed, J. M. Carmichael; O. D. Smith, lay alternate <i>vice</i> John Massey.....	8
Arkansas Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> F. S. H. Johnston, James A. Anderson, George W. Hill. <i>Lay:</i> G. P. Jackson, J. W. Maddux, J. M. Jenkins	6
Baltimore Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Collins Denny, Rumsey Smithson, Peter H. Whisner, John A. Kern, John S. Hutchinson; James E. Armstrong, clerical alternate, seated part of the session <i>vice</i> J. A. Kern. <i>Lay:</i> Robert Magruder, Edward S. Conrad, Peter V. D. Conway, L. Judson Williams, John W. Woods.....	11
Brazil Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Miguel Dickie. <i>Lay:</i> C. G. Shalders.....	2
Central Mexico Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Angel Blanco.....	1
China Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Young J. Allen.....	1
Columbia Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> H. S. Shangle. <i>Lay:</i> W. A. McGhee.....	2
Denver Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. H. Ledbetter. <i>Lay:</i> J. R. Killian..	2
East Columbia Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Elijah G. Michael. <i>Lay:</i> James J. Adkins.....	2
East Texas Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> T. P. Smith, John Adams. <i>Lay:</i> T. S. Garrison; F. S. Eberheart, lay alternate <i>vice</i> A. J. Gray.....	4
Florida Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Charles A. Fulwood, Joseph C. Sale, Claude A. Saunders. <i>Lay:</i> Charles W. White, Charles T. Carroll, George A. Hanson.....	6
German Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> A. E. Rector. <i>Lay:</i> L. Pietzsch.....	2
Holston Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> E. E. Hoss, R. G. Waterhouse, R. N. Price, F. Richardson, C. T. Carroll. <i>Lay:</i> J. W. Hicks, O. W. Patton, T. W. Jordan, E. C. Reeves, T. C. Vaughan.....	10
Illinois Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. W. Westcott. <i>Lay:</i> S. S. Vick.....	2
Indian Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> C. M. Coppedge, A. N. Averyt, T. F. Brewer. <i>Lay:</i> C. C. Mathis.....	4
Japan Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> John C. C. Newton	1
Kentucky Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Julius Edwin Wright, John R. Deering, George W. Young. <i>Lay:</i> William Winslow Ball, Robert Taylor Marshall, James F. Browinski.....	6

Little Rock Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Andrew Hunter, J. R. Moore, J. H. Riggins. <i>Lay:</i> J. H. Hinemon, J. D. Clary.....	5
Los Angeles Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. J. N. Kenney. <i>Lay:</i> Ulrich Knoch.....	2
Louisiana Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> William H. LaPrade, Franklin N. Parker, Charles W. Carter. <i>Lay:</i> William B. Thomson, Samford B. McCutchen, John N. Pharr.....	6
Louisville Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> H. C. Morrison, Gross Alexander, John W. Lewis; W. K. Piner, clerical alternate <i>vice</i> David Morton (deceased); D. S. Campbell, clerical alternate <i>vice</i> H. C. Morrison, elected bishop. <i>Lay:</i> John L. Wheat, R. E. Crockett, W. S. Johnson, T. J. Williams; C. R. Long, lay alternate, seated part of the session <i>vice</i> T. J. Williams.....	10
Memphis Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> R. H. Mahon, Warner Moore, G. W. Wilson, W. A. Freeman. <i>Lay:</i> T. B. King, A. W. Newsom, J. R. Pepper, L. S. Woods.....	8
Mexican Border Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> T. del Valle. <i>Lay:</i> B. G. Marsh.....	2
Mississippi Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> C. G. Andrews, W. C. Black, A. F. Watkins. <i>Lay:</i> S. B. Watts, Edward Mayes, H. B. McGehee.....	6
Missouri Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Joseph H. Pritchett, John Anderson, W. F. Packard, R. H. Cooper; George J. Warren, clerical alternate, seated part of the session <i>vice</i> R. H. Cooper. <i>Lay:</i> John D. Vincil, B. J. Casteel, W. G. Miller, E. B. Craighead.....	9
Montana Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> S. B. Tabor.....	1
New Mexico Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Mark Hodgson.....	1
North Alabama Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Anson West, J. W. Newman, S. L. Dobbs, S. M. Hosmer. <i>Lay:</i> Daniel Collier, John C. LeGrand, Nathan M. Rowe, Isaac D. Mason.....	8
North Carolina Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. C. Kilgo, E. A. Yates, T. N. Ivey, F. D. Swindell. <i>Lay:</i> Joseph G. Brown, B. N. Duke, D. B. Zollicoffer, L. S. Smith; W. R. Branson, lay alternate, seated part of the session <i>vice</i> B. N. Duke.....	9
North Georgia Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Warren A. Candler, John D. Hammond, William P. Lovejoy, W. F. Glenn, W. W. Wadsworth, M. J. Cofer; J. F. Mixon, clerical alternate <i>vice</i> R. J. Bigham. <i>Lay:</i> Sam P. Jones, Thomas H. Dozier, Fletcher A. Quillian, B. S. Willingham, L. S. Ledbetter, P. B. Johnson; J. T. Duncan, lay alternate <i>vice</i> R. M. McIntosh.....	14
North Mississippi Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> W. B. Murrah, J. W. Boswell, T. W. Lewis, J. S. Oakley; S. A. Steel, clerical alternate, seated part of the session <i>vice</i> T. W. Lewis; W. T. J. Sullivan, clerical alternate, seated part of the session <i>vice</i> W. B. Murrah. <i>Lay:</i> R. W. Jones, A. H. George, W. R. Trigg, G. J. Leftwich.....	10
North Texas Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. H. McLean, I. W. Clark, T. R. Pierce, I. S. Ashburn. <i>Lay:</i> B. M. Burgher, F. B. Sinex, P. C. Thurmond, Sidney Bass.....	8

Northwest Mexican Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> E. Quinones....	1
Northwest Texas Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> W. L. Nelms, James Campbell, S. P. Wright, J. R. Nelson, E. A. Bailey, J. M. Barcus. <i>Lay:</i> Asa Holt, J. M. Robertson, D. S. Switzer, G. H. Mulkey, R. S. Hyer, J. W. Robbins.....	12
Pacific Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> W. F. Coffin, J. C. Simmons. <i>Lay:</i> J. P. Strother.....	3
South Carolina Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> S. A. Weber, John A. Rice, J. A. Clifton, J. W. Daniel, John O. Willson, W. R. Richardson; E. T. Hodges, clerical alternate, seated part of the session <i>vice</i> J. A. Rice; C. B. Smith, clerical alternate, seated part of the session <i>vice</i> J. A. Rice. <i>Lay:</i> Jas. H. Carlisle, R. O. Purdy, G. E. Prince, J. B. Humbert.	12
South Georgia Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. O. Branch, C. E. Dowman, J. B. McGehee, George G. N. MacDonell, J. W. Hinton. <i>Lay:</i> N. P. Banks, John L. Day, B. F. Whittington, M. C. Austin; N. E. Harris, lay alternate <i>vice</i> S. B. Adams.....	10
Southwest Missouri Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> W. B. Palmore, W. T. McClure, C. C. Woods, Jno. J. Tigert. <i>Lay:</i> Matt. W. Hall, Thomas W. Cassell, John A. Rich, James C. Shelton.....	8
St. Louis Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> S. H. Werlein, E. B. Chappell. <i>Lay:</i> M. R. Smith; J. N. Holmes, lay alternate <i>vice</i> J. L. Carlisle.....	4
Tennessee Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> D. C. Kelley, H. B. Reams, W. J. Collier, J. D. Barbee, T. A. Kerley. <i>Lay:</i> W. M. Baskerville, E. W. Cole, D. C. Scales, W. T. Thomas; B. L. Rice, lay alternate <i>vice</i> Frazier Cochran.....	10
Texas Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Seth Ward, E. W. Solomon. <i>Lay:</i> H. C. Pritchett, J. D. Campbell.....	4
Virginia Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. Powell Garland, Robert N. Sledd, Paul Whitehead, Alexander G. Brown, A. Coke Smith, William E. Edwards. <i>Lay:</i> William W. Smith, A. E. Kellam, Charles E. Vawter, Richard W. Peatross, Richard S. Paulett, John P. Branch; J. C. Parker, lay alternate, seated part of the session <i>vice</i> J. P. Branch...	13
West Texas Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. D. Scott, Sterling Fisher. <i>Lay:</i> J. S. McKinnon, J. E. Pritchett.....	4
Western Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> W. H. Comer. <i>Lay:</i> B. R. Scott.....	2
Western North Carolina Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> James Atkins, James H. Weaver, John R. Brooks, Charles W. Byrd, Paul J. Carraway. <i>Lay:</i> F. Stikeleather, W. R. Odell, M. O. Sherrill, F. C. Robbins; J. G. Staples, lay alternate <i>vice</i> B. F. Dixon.....	10
Western Virginia Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> T. S. Wade, South G. Preston. <i>Lay:</i> E. B. Hawkins, H. J. Wagoner.....	4
White River Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> S. H. Babcock, J. H. Dye. <i>Lay:</i> A. L. Malone, R. R. James.....	4
Clerical delegates	143
Lay delegates	127
Total.....	270

RULES OF ORDER

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

RULE 1. The regular hour of meeting shall be 9 A.M., and of adjournment 1 P.M. A majority of those present and voting may extend the session temporarily, but the hour of meeting shall not be changed unless by a vote of two-thirds.

RULE 2. The presiding officer shall cause the session to be opened promptly with divine service; and after reading and approval of the journal, the following shall be the order of business:

- (1) Reports of standing committees.
- (2) Reports of special committees.
- (3) Appeals, memorials, and petitions.
- (4) Resolutions. (The call for resolutions shall be made by Conferences.)

No new business shall be introduced after the tenth day, except by a suspension of the rule.

RULE 3. Special committees ordered by the Conference shall be appointed by the Bishop presiding at the time. A member may decline to serve on more than one such committee.

RULE 4. When the report of a committee is under discussion, the chairman of that committee, or one of the members selected by the chairman or by the committee, shall have the right to close the discussion, and the call of the previous question shall be subject to that right.

RULE 5. The presiding officer shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference. When such appeal is taken, the person appealing shall be allowed to state the ground of his appeal, and the Chair the ground of his decision. In each case such statement shall not exceed five minutes. Otherwise than this the vote shall be taken without debate.

RULE 6. Every resolution shall be in writing and in duplicate, signed by at least two members; and every substitute or amendment and report of a committee shall be in writing and in duplicate.

RULE 7. All papers designed to go before committees shall be referred to the committee named by the mover, unless objection is made.

RULE 8. All papers proposing changes of the Discipline, whether they be reports of committees or original propositions offered under Rule 2, or otherwise, shall specify by chapter, paragraph, section, or page the passage to be affected, and also recite the language as it will read when amended.

RULE 9. A report or other paper shall be considered in possession of the Conference when it has been presented and read by the Secretary; but any such paper or resolution may be withdrawn at any time before the action thereon by the Conference.

RULE 10. In the disposition of matter before the Conference, the following motions shall have precedence:

- (1) Lie on the table.
- (2) The pending question.
- (3) The previous question.
- (4) Postpone to definite time.
- (5) Commit.
- (6) Amend.
- (7) Substitute.
- (8) Indefinite postponement.
- (9) It shall be in order to offer an amendment to an amendment, and one amendment to a substitute. Should a motion assume this shape, the order of voting shall be as follows:

- (a) On the amendment to the amendment;
- (b) On the amendment, thus perfecting the main question;
- (c) On the amendment to the substitute;
- (d) On the substitute;
- (e) On the main question.

RULE 11. Every member desiring to speak shall arise from his seat and respectfully address the President, and shall not be interrupted when speaking unless called to order by the President, or by a member of the Conference through the President, in which case Rule 5 shall not apply. By permission of the Conference, a member may explain if he claims to be misrepresented.

RULE 12. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than fifteen minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference; nor shall any member speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

RULE 13. No member, unless unavoidably hindered by sickness

or otherwise from being present, shall absent himself from the sessions of the Conference without leave.

RULE 14. Every member who is within the bar when a question is put shall vote, unless the Conference excuses him; and no member shall be allowed to vote who is not within the bar when the question is put, unless by leave of the Conference granted in case where he has been necessarily absent.

RULE 15. Whenever a member shall move the "previous question," the Chair shall demand, "Shall the question now be put?" and the vote on such motion shall be taken without debate. If a majority of the members voting sustain the call, the President shall put the question then pending without debate, except as provided in Rule 4.

RULE 16. A motion to reconsider may be made on the day of the vote or the next day after, immediately after the reading of the journal, by any member who voted with the majority.

RULE 17. On demand of one-fifth of the members of the General Conference a recorded vote by yeas and nays shall be taken.

RULE 18. A calendar shall be kept by the Secretary of the reports from committees and of orders of the day, which shall be listed according to the time of their presentation or fixing; and they shall be considered by the Conference in the order of the calendar, unless the Conference by vote of the majority order otherwise.

RULE 19. A motion to adjourn made by a member entitled to the floor shall always be in order, and shall be taken without debate.

RULE 20. No proposition to change the Discipline shall be considered until it has been at least one day in the possession of the Conference.

RULE 21. These rules shall not be changed or suspended except by a majority of two-thirds of all the members present and voting.

BISHOPS' ADDRESS.

*Read Before the General Conference at its First Session, Thursday Morning,
May 5, 1898.*

DEAR BRETHREN: Your General Superintendents greet you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, and join you in thanksgiving for the good providence that convenes us at this time and place.

If we look to the past, we are constrained to say: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." If we look to the future, our hope is in the guidance and support of the same divine hand.

We need not remind you that now especially—one of the recurring epochal periods in our Church—we should humble ourselves before God, and do everything as in his immediate presence, seeking his direction. If the children of God at one time more than another should expect the fellowship and prompting of Him who is "head over all things to the Church, which is his body," it is surely when assembled to review and test its methods, and revise, if need be, its adjustable policies. The ark of God is "the apple of his eye," and should be handled only with devout and reverent touch.

THE PLACE.

The place of our meeting is itself full of suggestion. For the first time in its distinct and separate ecclesiastical existence the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, holds its quadrennial session in this historic city, where Episcopal Methodism was born, took its earliest organic form, and started on its marvelous career. Here its early bishops—Coke and Asbury and Whatcoat and McKendree and George and Roberts and Soule and Hedding—were all chosen, and, save one, were all consecrated to their holy office. Here its quadrennial sessions for the first forty years were all held, except one. And in this same city, in 1808, provision was made, under constitutional restrictions, for a delegated General Conference, in which capacity we are here and now assembled.

To American Methodism this is holy ground. If the spirits of departed saints are ever permitted to revisit the scenes of earth and note the progress of events, what a goodly company of elect and lordly souls must be about us now! Who can believe that the heroic pioneers assembled here in 1784, the day of small things, to organize American Methodism, a movement for the salvation of men which has been so signally blessed of God, have forgotten their toil and struggle, and lost interest in a cause now grown to so vast proportions in the earth, and which already has marshaled its millions to join them in the Jerusalem above?

The intervening years, a little more than a century, have made vast

changes — changes in the nation itself, then an infant, thirteen impoverished colonies just struggled into independence, now among the foremost powers of the earth; changes in this fair city, then scarcely more than a straggling village, now of a half-million souls or more; and, most of all, changes in American Methodism, then a feeble folk with eighty-three itinerant preachers and fourteen thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight members, now swollen, in all its divisions, to more than fifty thousand preachers and nearly six million members.

THE TIME.

The time of this General Conference, the last of the nineteenth century, is equally suggestive. In comparison with this, all preceding centuries are tame in adventure and achievement. In this century the world's progress is marked by strides hitherto unknown. Advances in science and in the arts of civilization have modified and almost transformed social and industrial and even religious activities. Nature has disclosed her secrets to inquisitive research as never before in human history. Discovery and invention are discriminating and subordinating the subtle forces of nature to the uses of man with extraordinary rapidity. It is difficult to realize that the cotton-gin and the lucifer match and steam navigation and railroading and the knitting-machine and the sewing-machine and photography and telegraphy and the telephone and the phonograph and the typewriter, and nameless contrivances for human convenience and economy, as by magic, have sprung up within the century—labor-saving, time-saving, space-obliterating processes, revolutionizing the industries, the productions, the travel, the commerce of nations, and bringing the ends of the earth into closest proximity and into daily, and even hourly, intercommunication and dependence. What the next century will disclose, even human credulity ventures not to conjecture. Surely the world is moving, and God is disencumbering and equipping it for progress. It is an inspiration to live in such an age. How can the Church fail to expect and to claim the approach, if not the actual advent, of that prophetic period of wheels within wheels moving and instinct with life, when nations are to be born in a day, and the heathen are to be given to God's Son for an inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession?

This rapid glance at the progress of events enables us more clearly to see the wisdom and forecast of our fathers in providing for a quadrennial session of our Methodism, that we may take our bearings, inspect the field, adjust and modify and adapt the machinery of Methodism to altered conditions, and thus keep pace with the bewildering innovations and developments of the centuries.

Standing on the summit of this unparalleled century and casting our glance forward into the next, pregnant with untold possibilities, this General Conference is confronted with extraordinary opportunities, and therefore with momentous responsibilities. God help us to be equal to the times in which we live, and guide us to perceive and to grasp the advantages within our reach!

In accordance with established custom, you will expect a brief review of the past, and especially of the last quadrennium, indicating the present status of the Church and the progress that has been made on its several distinct lines of work. The published records show that the work of evangelization, which has characterized our itinerant system, continues without abatement. Our preachers are as consecrated and faithful and efficient as at any period in our past history. While our venerable men who have long served the Church and adorned its pulpit are gradually and constantly disappearing from our ranks and passing to the Church triumphant, it is gratifying to know that their places are being supplied with young men of like spirit, whose scholastic and theological training fit them for the peculiar tests and demands of the times and give promise of a worthy and competent succession.

STATISTICS.

The statistical tables show for the present quadrennium the net increase in the number of itinerant preachers to be 502; and of members, 123,221. The present number of itinerant preachers is 5,989; and of local preachers, 5,685—a total of 11,674 preachers, and of 1,478,431 members. The aggregate value of our Church property of all kinds is estimated at a little over \$35,000,000, an increase of about \$2,000,000 within the quadrennium.

The records show that the Church is not receding, but advancing, in its appointed work of evangelization and in the accumulation of means and agencies for still more rapid progress.

While self-gratulation is unbecoming, and the Church should never cease to “hunger and thirst after righteousness” and pray earnestly, “Thy kingdom come,” while there is yet one sinner to be saved, still there is occasion for devout thanksgiving for results already secured. Let us, then, take fresh courage, and, much and difficult as is the work yet undone, earnestly ask the Head of the Church to give us an intelligent zeal, a breadth of plan, and an energy of faith commensurate with our increased facilities and the ample fields now laid open and made accessible to Christian enterprise.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It is a fact worthy of note that the modern Sunday school began to take form about the same time that American Methodism was organized. Indeed, it was in 1784 that Robert Raikes’s celebrated letter was written. That same year it was recorded in the Discipline of the Church: “What shall we do for the rising generation?” In part, the answer given was: “Where there are ten children whose parents are in society, meet them at least an hour every week.” In 1788 a Sunday school was taught in Hanover county, Virginia, in the residence of Thomas Crenshaw. In 1790 the Discipline urges specifically the establishment of Sunday schools in or near the place of public worship, and the appointment of “persons to teach gratis all that will attend, and have a capacity to learn.”

It is gratifying to know that this providential institution was thus

early recognized by our Church, and that it has had an increasing interest and efficiency from the very beginning till now. The reports show that we have at present 14,188 schools, 104,135 teachers, and 851,488 pupils—an increase within the quadrennium of 825 schools, 8,459 teachers, and 86,202 pupils—making a grand total now in our schools of 955,623, an increase of 94,661 since the last General Conference.

At your last session you provided for the preparation of a Sunday-school hymnal and a "special course of reading and study for Sunday-school teachers and advanced scholars." The hymnal was completed in March, 1897, and placed on sale; and within the first year over one hundred and fifty thousand copies of it were sold. This very popular hymnal was well advanced before the death of the late lamented Dr. W. D. Kirkland, chosen by you four years ago Sunday-school Editor, and in reference to whom Dr. James Atkins, his successor, well says: "The department was ably conducted by him, both as to the scope of his plans and the details of their execution. The work which he did was so wisely and well done that it has left its permanent marks upon the advance of Sunday-school work within our communion."

The literature of the department has received important additions, both in its periodicals and libraries, the details of which will be reported to you by the editor. The total circulation of the periodicals has reached 1,075,500 copies, a gain within the quadrennium of 161,500 copies.

The seeds scattered in virgin soil are easiest of culture and yield the surest and amplest return.

Only second to that received by the children is the incidental blessing, both intellectual and spiritual, brought by the Sunday school to that large number engaged in teaching. Both the teachers and the taught are reapers in this harvest. The wisest economy requires us to withhold nothing, either in money or effort, which the real interests of this department require.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Epworth League, inaugurated in 1890, and formally and fully organized at your last session, intended primarily for those who have been trained in the Sunday school, and are thus fitted for a more advanced course of study in ecclesiastical polity and history and for their more formal induction into active work as an integral part of the Church, alike by the results attained and by the liabilities and possibilities involved, justifies and invites your patient and wisest deliberation. Especially its corporate unity with the Church is to be maintained and emphasized; and loyalty to its usages, forms, and institutions is to be fostered. A wise parent seeks not to repress the vitality and activity of youth, but the rather to give judicious direction to its inherent forces, and render them tributary to the common interests and honor of the family. And the highest quality of the young, that distinguished by the first and largest promise in the Decalogue, is a proper regard to the authority to which nature and providence have subjected them.

It is due to our Epworth Leaguers to record their loyalty to the Church

and the efficient service rendered by them to meet legitimate and urgent local demands, and to the general Church along several lines of its aggressive work. The importance of wise leadership can be measured only by the vital forces and stupendous interests involved.

The experience of four years will probably suggest some modifications in its machinery. It is the opinion of some of its wisest adherents that its public assemblies should be strictly conformed to the organized divisions of our Church, rather than to geographical and political boundaries. This your wisdom will determine, as well as the value and expediency of great international gatherings, which have become common, though not anticipated and provided for by law. If these are to become a part of your policy, then it is important that the frequency, the constituency, the proper maintenance, and the legitimate prerogatives of such a body should be determined by competent authority.

The official tables show 3,486 Leagues chartered, with 126,584 members.

EDUCATION.

In accord with the views of John Wesley and the uniform policy of Methodism, it is still firmly held by us that Christian education is a legitimate and important function of the Church. It was a step in advance when your body, four years ago, organized a Board of Education to emphasize this important interest; and empowered it to correlate and systematize the work now being done; to originate new institutions where they can be judiciously established and maintained; to form a nexus between well-equipped and competent instructors and our institutions needing their services; to aid the needy and deserving in securing an education, and especially those who have peculiar claims on the Church or propose to enter its ministry; and to control our work on behalf of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America.

This board has issued valuable tracts and pamphlets relating to special phases of Christian education, and, at least, has made a fair beginning in the broad and inviting field committed to its care.

You will no doubt make such modifications as experience suggests, and perpetuate this board with an adequate source of revenue and clothed with such powers as will promote and accomplish the end for which it was created. The reports show that the Church now owns, or has under its control and auspices, of all grades, 76 educational institutions, with over 1,000 teachers, over 16,000 pupils, property valued at \$4,661,850, and endowments amounting to \$2,189,695.

THE COLORED PEOPLE.

Experience corroborates and confirms the wisdom of our Church in its established ecclesiastical relation to the colored people, which has relieved both by them and us from needless jealousies and irritating and damaging complications. Our past missionary enterprise and success among them, when some now interested for them neither directly nor indirectly aided in their evangelization, as well as our present opportunity, require that we continue and increase our coöperation with the

Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America in providing suitable intellectual and spiritual training for both their teachers and their preachers.

Both Paine and Lane Institutes have advanced since our last report in facilities and substantial work. The two now have fourteen teachers and three hundred and forty-one pupils. The board is providing for Paine Institute a new building, to be known as Haygood Memorial Hall, on which they have received in cash \$10,398.15 and in good subscriptions enough to raise the sum to \$20,009.62.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

It is agreed by the Board of Education that Vanderbilt University, our most amply endowed and best-equipped institution, is naturally and properly the center of our educational system, to which all our schools and colleges should be correlated. This institution is now under the special patronage of a few Annual Conferences, which, upon the nomination of its Board of Trust, fill vacancies in the same with persons from their territorial limits. It has been agreed unanimously by the Board of Trust, in annual session, that the nominations to fill vacancies should be from the Church at large, and the power of election should be in the General Conference; and to this all the special patronizing Conferences have agreed, save one, which merely deferred action, and no doubt will give its consent at its next annual session. If this General Conference shall agree to fill these vacancies—either directly or, perhaps more conveniently, through its Board of Education—then the institution will have been made thoroughly connectional so soon as the one remaining Annual Conference shall relinquish its special claim. This is deemed important at this session, because the annual income from endowment is lessened \$8,000 by the necessity to reinvest its maturing seven per cent. bonds at a lower rate, although the corpus of the endowment has itself been thereby considerably increased. At your last quadrennial session, after calling attention to this fact and to the further fact that the Biblical Department for years has been rendering most valuable service to the Church by training young men for its ministry, it was resolved by you to “call on our people to raise as early as practicable the sum of \$300,000 for the permanent endowment of the Biblical Department, and that we pledge our assistance to the authorities of the university in their efforts to secure this amount.”

It is believed, with your concurrence in making the institution connectional in character, a united Church will, by some method you may suggest, raise the amount designated before the close of the century, so near at hand.

MISSIONS.

Perhaps the most conspicuous feature of Episcopal Methodism is its aggressive character. Its history shows that it was framed with a view to the great commission to go “into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” It is inherently missionary in its spirit and aims. No ecclesiastical polity shows better adaptation to preach the gospel to

the poor. By its very genius it is ever stretching out to the regions beyond, and can never be satisfied until it has compassed the ends of the earth. For one-half of its first century it found an ample field in the expanding domain of the United States, and has in its membership an unusually large proportion of the poor and dependent classes. By the thrift which piety engenders, many of its poor have prospered and attained to wealth, so that its sympathies and its rapidly increasing means alike fit it for missionary enterprise.

During the last quadrennium we have added Korea to our mission fields and ten missionaries to our force in foreign lands, notwithstanding the general financial stringency and the depressing influence of a missionary debt, now fortunately relieved through the special private and personal appeals of Dr. H. C. Morrison, one of our Missionary Secretaries. In the same period there has been a net gain within the foreign field of 2,177 members, 1,141 Sunday-school attendants, 1,225 Epworth Leaguers, 18 church edifices, and 19 parsonages, and a proportionate gain on most of the special lines of missionary endeavor. In self-support a gain of \$11,656.85 is reported from the field, the gain alone being about double the whole amount realized the preceding quadrennium. Our mission property is now valued at \$398,770.

On our indebtedness of \$129,144.78 at the beginning of the quadrennium \$117,559.17 has been paid, and there is an ample unmatured subscription to cover the remainder.

The amount paid by our several boards and societies for missions within the quadrennium is as follows:

Board of Missions.....	\$1,077,388 13
Domestic boards	531,255 61
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.....	307,800 01
Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society....	151,512 08

Grand total by the Church.....\$2,067,955 83

You will make special note that this is the jubilee year of our China mission, out of which those in Japan and Korea have sprung. This, in connection with the further fact that providential causes indicate this as the harvest of this vast field, make a suitable celebration and a forward movement important.

CONFERENCES.

It is worth while to carefully inquire if our missionary efforts are not being crippled and imperiled by erecting prematurely missions into Conferences, and placing our missionaries, as well as native preachers, in the hands of those not sufficiently established in Christian character, and not sufficiently familiar with, and devoted to, our economy to be safely intrusted with its administration.

It is not sure that we have always been wise, even in our own country, to multiply small Conferences, dependent on missionary support, and often on immature and inexperienced young men largely for its ministry. By the law which your bishops are expected to administer,

at least eighteen elders are necessary to try an elder in due form, without a single challenge for cause; and yet we have Conferences, both at home and abroad, with a smaller number of elders in their membership. And, inasmuch as every Annual Conference, no matter how small, is entitled to at least two members on this floor, is the multiplication of small Conferences compatible with an equitable and wise distribution of power, when your older and more stable and larger Conferences must have at least forty-eight members for each clerical representative here?

While we are aware that the sparseness of population on new fields, and the consequent breadth of territory, involve much travel and increased expense to bring a Conference together, we deem it proper, at least, to call attention to a state of facts made familiar to us by our official contact and duties. We confidently rely on your wisdom to relieve the situation, if not to solve the problem.

The work of translation, especially into Spanish and Portuguese, has progressed steadily, including a large amount of Sunday-school and some Epworth League literature. McTyeire's "Catechism of Bible History" is nearly ready for issue, and two parts of Hurst's "Short History of the Christian Church" have already been issued. In China and Japan this need is greatest, and your attention will be called in another connection to the subject of a publishing house in China. At the close of a century in which the potency of the press is realized more than ever before, you will not undervalue it as a missionary agency.

The vast influx of foreigners to the United States for the two decades from 1877 to 1897, averaging 450,840 per year, exclusive of those from Mexico and the British possessions, deserves special attention, and particularly since they are largely occupying our western territory, and are beginning to look southward for homes. The alertness and zeal of other Churches in this convenient and most fruitful mission field, devoting to foreigners within the United States unable to speak the English language hundreds of thousands of dollars every year, should be suggestive to us, and particularly where they come from our own foreign fields and into close proximity with our home Church. Why not use some of our excellent returned missionaries, unable to live in China and Japan, among these same people on our own shores?

Providence planted our Church among the very first in the West, a domain, exclusive of Alaska, two and one-half times larger than the territory east of the Mississippi, and destined to become in a century a vast, if not the dominating, power in the nation; and it would be a blind sacrifice of our God-given opportunity not to cultivate to our full capacity this inviting field. As missions are the vitalizing principle of the Church everywhere, it would impart life and spirit and efficiency to our English Church in the Northwest and along the Pacific Slope to enter this harvest with a diligent and vigorous hand. A little Christian kindness shown to the heathen providentially brought to our doors, in contrast with the harsh treatment often received from ungodly men of the world, would be most grateful to them, and at the same time commend our holy religion to those who are to make a part of our social fabric and body politic, or,

perchance, return and propagate the gospel received from us among their own people—missionaries to a foreign people, with no foreign language to acquire and no racial antipathies to encounter.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It would be unjust to our Church not to mention in this connection the admirable service our godly women are rendering. They are not men, and do not seek to be, but are what God intended them: helps meet for men—just as meet in the Church as in the family, and just as valuable, not to say indispensable. The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions is now just twenty years old. Already they have 50 missionaries in the foreign field and 132 native helpers and teachers and 37 Bible women, making a total force of 219; while the General Board has 104 missionaries, 89 native traveling preachers, and 102 native helpers, a total of 295 workers—a force only 76 more in number than theirs, a comparative result most favorable to the women, both in industry and financial skill, when the time of operation and available resources are considered.

Within twenty years they have raised \$1,214,321.75, of which \$307,800.01 has been secured this quadrennium.

Mrs. D. H. McGavock, the very faithful and efficient General Secretary of this society from its organization, passed to her reward December 23, 1896.

THE SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

As a part of their work should be mentioned the Scarritt Bible and Training School for Missionaries and Other Christian Workers, which has demonstrated the need and wisdom of its creation to train for both the foreign and home fields the young women of our Church. Its graduates and representatives are now in our several mission fields, and the demand for such trained workers is constantly increasing. The trained nurses from its wards, after two years of instruction and clinical experience, take with them the needed skill in ministering at the bedside, while the Christian atmosphere of the institution prepares them to become Christian workers no less than trained nurses. There has been a gratifying increase both in endowment and attendance of students.

WOMAN'S PARSONAGE AND HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

The Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society is only twelve years old. It has aided in building seven hundred and sixteen parsonages, two of them in the foreign field. Eight years ago you organized them for home mission work as well, and vigorously and successfully have they entered this field, while their parsonage-building has steadily increased.

Seeing the value and necessity of educational work in the foreign field, they are organizing schools with marked success among our mountain missions, some of which, after seventy-five years, are missions still, struggling even to-day for existence, mainly because we have relied almost solely on the periodical revival, without those conservative and

stimulating influences that cultivate and mature the crop after it has been planted.

The Sue Bennett Memorial School, at London, Ky.—the first undertaken by this society, with building and grounds and several cottages for the accommodation of pupils worth \$20,000, having six teachers and two hundred pupils—is closing its second year.

They have also undertaken educational work among the Cubans in Florida, and night schools for the Chinese and Japanese on the Pacific Coast, and have established one industrial home, several rescue homes, and city missions among neglected children and the poor who do not attend the churches.

When it is remembered that by inexorable law there is a steady drift of population from the country to the cities, and that by the modifying influence of the multiplying forms of human industry through the growth of the mechanic arts this tendency must continue, and that the cities are already the centers of anarchy and the breeders of the most debasing forms of vice, they appeal to the Church for special effort on their behalf. Methodism hitherto has reached among the rural populations and smaller towns about ninety-one in every thousand of the people, whereas in the larger cities less than thirty in the thousand.

Through the families, the women of our Church, under the shelter of their own homes and through their native tongue, have access to destitute mothers and children who, if left to themselves, are to be reservoirs of vice that threaten society, and the nation itself in a few generations. The reports show that their organization is steadily growing; that within the present quadrennium the society has raised more than double the amount realized in the preceding eight years. They have 16 city missionaries, 3 Cuban missionaries, and 22 teachers of their schools. They have acquired property worth \$46,877 and a permanent loan fund of \$18,392.25, besides sending annually supplies to the families of inadequately supported preachers, valued for the quadrennium at \$16,918.63.

We should give them every facility for their increasingly valuable work.

The Church will cherish the memory of Miss Lucinda B. Helm, so recently gone to heaven, the first General Secretary of this society, into whose fabric her very life was wrought.

BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS.

As stated in our last quadrennial address, the Barnes Hospital, bearing the name of its founder, is intended "for sick and injured persons, without distinction of creed, under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," with power vested in the bishops to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees. An eligible site has been purchased in St. Louis, and plans have been submitted for the erection of the necessary buildings. The very competent trustees who represent the Church have determined to erect a larger and more costly plant than was originally contemplated, and, in order to leave unimpaired the endowment of \$1,000,000, have delayed beginning work until the income shall enable

them to complete the whole without any indebtedness. They have received from the estate of Mr. Robert A. Barnes \$1,100,000. No pains will be spared to make the hospital complete and with every modern appliance, and thus worthy of the noble benefactor of mankind whose name it bears.

Very recently the will of the late Dr. Charles H. Bradford, of St. Louis, disclosed that he has left to our Methodist Orphans' Home in that city \$335,000, thereby increasing its endowment to some half a million dollars.

These noble gifts have come from honored friends of the Church, but not members.

Besides these, several notable gifts to our educational and benevolent enterprises have come from members of our Church still living, some of them amounting to more than \$100,000.

These substantial contributions to our Church deserve special mention, and are reminders to all intrusted with the gift of honorable accumulation that a liberal part should be directed to the channels of permanent usefulness. It is thus that the gains of this world may be converted into heavenly treasure and the revenues of earth may become immortal.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Department of Church Extension is justly ranked among the effective agencies for Christian progress. Ecclesiastical structures hold a conspicuous place in Bible history. Material as were the tabernacle, the temple, and the synagogue, they are divinely recognized as in close alliance to those spiritual forces that vitalize and undergird and permeate the true Church of God.

In sixteen years the Board of Church Extension has given aid to three thousand eight hundred and ninety-one separate churches in the form of donations and loans, and its indirect and incidental results have scarcely been less through the interest it has excited by its thought-provoking processes. During the quadrennium the value of our church edifices has increased \$1,021,973. The loan funds now amount to \$153,792.60, a gain in four years of \$50,450.16.

The General Minutes show that we have still 2,800 societies without church edifices, and 1,030 pastoral charges and 157 presiding elders' districts without a parsonage.

To secure the investments of the board, churches aided are required to insure the property for indemnity in case of loss. This, however, requires constant reminders, and even then, after a few years, the policies are frequently allowed to lapse. On this account, and because of the large amount of our Church property, and the possibility, by co-operation, of securing cheaper rates, would it not be well to inquire if an insurance office for the whole Church cannot be provided on some plan that is both safe and economical? The Wesleyans of Great Britain have such a plan, which gives very cheap insurance to their churches and yields large revenue for their superannuated preachers.

We are pained to have to record the recent death of our most successful and valued General Secretary of this department, the Rev. David Mor-

ton, D.D., the providential man whom your wisdom selected to inaugurate this movement sixteen years ago. Within these years he has erected for himself a monument as lasting as the Church; but for this very reason it is becoming and proper that the whole denomination, every part of which his labors have blessed, unite to create a large loan fund to bear his honored name. May the same divine guidance that designated him be granted unto you in selecting a worthy successor!

LOCAL PREACHERS.

To its local ministry Methodism owes much of its power. At your last session you added to the dignity of this class of preachers, from whom all our itinerant ministers are drawn, by removing the power to license and renew license and recommend for orders and for admission into an Annual Conference from the Quarterly Conference to the District Conference, a larger body, and composed mainly of the select elements in all the Quarterly Conferences of the district. Harmony of jurisdiction seems to require that the same body which renews the license should be charged with examination of the life and administration, unless insuperable reasons exist why the larger body should not exercise this added function. And inasmuch as many of our pastoral charges, especially the stations, afford little opportunity for the ministry of the local preacher, would it not be well to extend his field of opportunity to the district, and have him therefore subject to the presiding elder, rather than to the preacher in charge?

Complaint has come from many quarters that the rights and authority of the preacher in charge have been questioned and even invaded by other preachers of our own connection, giving rise to serious friction, and sometimes to discord, in churches. The pastorate is fundamental to our system, and our itinerancy has been supposed to have ample adaptability for an effective evangelism. Plain and perspicuous rules for our own people are conservators of peace and good will. Your wisdom will no doubt find a remedy for the evil.

LAY DELEGATES.

Is not the vital relation of the lay delegates of a District Conference to those selected for the Annual and General Conferences a sufficient reason to fix a uniform principle and method for their selection in all the Annual Conferences?

PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

The sagacity of Mr. Wesley was conspicuous in the large use he made of the press in his day to extend and deepen and perpetuate his work. The more general diffusion of public education and the consequent increase of reading have added largely to the potency of the press since that time. Choice and cheap literature is now essential to any movement that would reach and control for good the masses of mankind. Its possibilities for good are illustrated and emphasized by the actual efficiency of a corrupt press for evil. If the truth is to make men free, the Church should not fail to give it wings for widest diffusion, and stereotype it for preservation through the ages. So important is this that the

Church cannot afford to commit the trust to irresponsible hands. It must itself wield this vast power, and see that it is not perverted under its auspices to personal and private or to selfish and ambitious ends. We are fortunate in the possession of our large publishing plant and in its present unembarrassed condition. Twenty years ago, devastated by fire and war, it appeared almost a hopeless wreck, and threatened more than loss of investment, even dishonor to the Church. The sale of \$260,000 worth of four per cent. bonds to the friends of the Church saved our credit, and enabled us to proceed with business. To-day our plant is out of debt, and is valued at \$895,000, with a volume of business for the quadrennium of \$1,378,858.60, and a dividend of \$60,000 for the superannuated preachers.

It is gratifying that the United States has awarded and paid to our Publishing House \$288,000 for the occupancy, use, and damage of it by the Federal army during the civil war. The thrift and economy of twenty years and this payment by the government enable us to face the twentieth century better equipped for effective work in this department than we have ever been.

It might be well, with a view to enlargement and progress, to empower the Book Committee, if opportunity shall offer on favorable terms and under conditions that threaten little financial risk, as our means may justify, to locate periodicals in one or more important centers. Such centers, well established, would be natural points of easy distribution for other publications of the House, and so accommodate the wants of our people in those localities, and at the same time stimulate our general book trade. You might also consider the wisdom of authorizing said committee to select suitable points for the distribution of our publications and to appoint competent agents.

From more than one source your attention will be called to the importance of a publishing interest in China, to meet its wants and those of Korea and Japan. We judge this a proper and wise movement, and, for commercial reasons, Shanghai to be the best location. When this matter is fully before you it will justify, and no doubt receive, your careful consideration.

FEDERATION.

The Commission on Federation, provided for at your last session, met a similar one from the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Washington City, January last, in a joint session, which proved harmonious, and was characterized by courtesy and hearty good will. Its action, as provided for in its creation, will be submitted to you in due form for adoption, alteration, or rejection.

BISHOPS.

Under the law of our Church the life and administration of its bishops pass under review, as do those of every other traveling preacher. The official journals of the several Annual Conferences will be submitted to you for inspection, and they show our official acts.

One of our worthy colleagues, Atticus G. Haygood, a man of forceful character and rare gifts, who made his impress on both the Church and

the generation, has "fallen on sleep," and rests from his labors. Of him you will make suitable mention. Notwithstanding his death, we have, without undue tax upon us, been able to meet all the Annual Conferences in this country and Mexico, and twice in the quadrennium have visited Japan, China, and Brazil.

We think, under all the conditions, that the work of administration can be efficiently done for the next quadrennium by the election of two additional bishops at this session of the General Conference.

We close this communication, beloved brethren, praying that "the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe."

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FIRST DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1898.

THE Thirteenth General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South (being the twenty-eighth General Conference since the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America in 1784), assembled in the Fourth Regiment Armory, Baltimore, Md., at 9 A.M. Thursday, May 5, 1898.

MAY 5.
FIRST DAY.

Opening.

The following Bishops were present: John C. Keener, Alpheus W. Wilson, John C. Granbery, Robert K. Hargrove, William W. Duncan, Charles B. Galloway, Eugene R. Hendrix, Joseph S. Key, Oscar P. Fitzgerald.

Bishops
present.

Bishop Keener, senior Bishop of the Church, took the chair, and opened the session by announcing Hymn 222,

Bishop
Keener
presides.

High on his everlasting throne,
The King of saints his work surveys.

After the singing of the hymn, Bishop Granbery led the Conference in prayer.

Devotional
exercises.

Bishop Key read Psalm lxxxix.

Bishop Galloway read Hebrews viii.

Bishop Duncan announced Hymn 218,

How beauteous are their feet
Who stand on Zion's hill!

After the singing of this hymn, Andrew Hunter, of the Little Rock Conference, led in prayer.

MAY 5.
FIRST DAY.

Roll called.

Members
present.

Bishop Keener requested Jno. J. Tigert, First Assistant Secretary of the last General Conference, to call the roll of the members of the present session. The following answered to their names:

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: A. J. Lamar, J. O. Keener, J. M. Mason, T. F. Mangum. *Lay*: W. F. Vandiver, D. C. Turnipseed.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: F. S. H. Johnston, James A. Anderson. *Lay*: J. W. Maddux.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: Collins Denny, Rumsey Smithson, Peter H. Whisner, John A. Kern, John S. Hutchinson. *Lay*: Robert Magruder, Edward S. Conrad, Peter V. D. Conway.

BRAZIL MISSION CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: Miguel Dickie. *Lay*: C. G. S. Shalders.

COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: H. S. Shangle. *Lay*: W. A. McGhee.

DENVER CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: J. H. Ledbetter. *Lay*: J. R. Killian.

EAST COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: Elijah G. Michael. *Lay*: James J. Adkins.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: T. P. Smith, John Adams. *Lay*: T. S. Garrison.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: Charles A. Fulwood, Joseph C. Sale, Claude A. Saunders. *Lay*: Charles W. White, Charles T. Carroll, George A. Hanson.

GERMAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: A. E. Rector. *Lay*: L. Pietzsch.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: E. E. Hoss, R. G. Waterhouse. *Lay*: E. C. Reeves.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: J. W. Westcott. *Lay*: S. S. Vick.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: C. M. Coppedge, A. N. Averyt, T. F. Brewer.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: Julius E. Wright, John R. Deering, George W. Young. *Lay*: William W. Ball, Robert Taylor Marshall, James F. Browinski.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: Andrew Hunter, J. R. Moore, J. H. Rigglin. *Lay*: J. H. Hine-mon, J. D. Clary.

MAY 5.
FIRST DAY.

Members
present.

LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.—*Lay*: Ulrich Knoch.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: William H. La-
Prade, Franklin N. Parker, Charles W. Carter. *Lay*:
William B. Thomson, Samford B. McCutchen.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: H. C. Morrison,
Gross Alexander, John W. Lewis. *Lay*: John L.
Wheat, R. E. Crockett, William S. Johnson, T. J.
Williams.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: R. H. Mahon,
Warner Moore, G. W. Wilson, W. A. Freeman. *Lay*:
T. B. King, A. W. Newsom, J. R. Pepper, L. S.
Woods.

MEXICAN BORDER MISSION CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*:
T. del Valle. *Lay*: B. G. Marsh.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: C. G. Andrews,
A. F. Watkins. *Lay*: H. B. McGehee.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: Joseph H. Pritch-
ett, John Anderson, W. F. Packard, R. H. Cooper.
Lay: John D. Vincil, B. J. Casteel.

MONTANA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: S. B. Tabor.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: Mark Hodg-
son.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: Anson
West, J. W. Newman, S. L. Dobbs, S. M. Hosmer.
Lay: Nathan M. Rowe, Isaac D. Mason.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: J. C. Kil-
go, E. A. Yates, T. N. Ivey, F. D. Swindell. *Lay*:
Joseph G. Brown, B. N. Duke, D. B. Zollicoffer.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: Warren A.
Candler, M. J. Cofer.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: W. B.
Murrah, J. W. Boswell, T. W. Lewis, J. S. Oakley.
Lay: R. W. Jones, A. H. George, W. R. Trigg, G. J.
Leftwich.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: J. H. Mc-
Lean, I. W. Clark, T. R. Pierce, I. S. Ashburn. *Lay*:
F. B. Sinex.

NORTHWEST MEXICAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—*Cler-*
ical: E. Quinones.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: W. L.
Nelms, James Campbell, S. P. Wright, J. R. Nelson,

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Members
present.

E. A. Bailey, J. M. Barcus. *Lay*: Asa Holt, D. S. Switzer, G. H. Mulkey.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: W. F. Coffin, J. C. Simmons. *Lay*: J. P. Strother.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: S. A. Weber, J. A. Clifton, J. W. Daniel, John O. Willson, W. R. Richardson. *Lay*: James H. Carlisle, G. E. Prince.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: James O. Branch, C. E. Dowman, George G. N. MacDonell, J. W. Hinton. *Lay*: N. P. Banks, John L. Day, B. F. Whittington, M. C. Austin.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: W. B. Palmore, W. T. McClure, C. C. Woods, Jno. J. Tigert. *Lay*: Matt. W. Hall, Thomas W. Cassell, John A. Rich, James C. Shelton.

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: S. H. Werlein, E. B. Chappell.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: D. C. Kelley, J. D. Barbee. *Lay*: D. C. Scales.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: Seth Ward, E. W. Solomon. *Lay*: H. C. Pritchett, J. D. Campbell.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: J. Powell Garland, Robert N. Sledd, A. G. Brown, A. Coke Smith, William E. Edwards. *Lay*: William W. Smith, A. E. Kellam, Charles E. Vawter, Richard S. Paulett, John P. Branch.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: J. D. Scott, Sterling Fisher. *Lay*: J. S. McKinnon, J. E. Pritchett.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: W. H. Comer. *Lay*: B. R. Scott.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: James Atkins, James H. Weaver, John R. Brooks, Charles W. Byrd, Paul J. Carraway. *Lay*: F. Stikeleather, W. R. Odell, M. O. Sherrill, F. C. Robbins.

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: T. S. Wade.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: S. H. Babcock, J. H. Dye. *Lay*: A. L. Malone.

Nominations
for Secre-
tary.

The Chair called for nominations for Secretary. W. B. Palmore, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, nominated Jno. J. Tigert, of the Southwest Missouri

Conference. Peter H. Whisner, of the Baltimore Conference, nominated Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference. Jno. J. Tigert was elected Secretary.

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J. J. Tigert
elected.

On nomination of the Secretary, Gross Alexander, of the Louisville Conference; A. F. Watkins, of the Mississippi Conference; J. M. Barcus, of the Northwest Texas Conference; and W. T. McClure, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, were elected Assistant Secretaries.

Assistant
Secretaries
elected.

The Secretary then called the roll of the Conferences for the seating of alternates in the place of absent principals. The following alternates were seated:

Conferences
called, and
alternates
seated.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—O. D. Smith *vice* John Massey, lay delegate.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—F. S. Eberheart *vice* A. J. Gray, lay delegate.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—W. K. Piner *vice* David Morton (deceased), clerical delegate.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—J. F. Mixon *vice* R. J. Bigham, clerical delegate.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—B. L. Rice *vice* Frazier Cochran, lay delegate.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—J. G. Staples *vice* B. F. Dixon, lay delegate.

The Secretary gave notice that he had filed the official credentials of the delegations of all the Annual Conferences, signed by their Presidents and Secretaries, with the papers of the General Conference.

Credentials
filed.

R. H. Mahon, of the Memphis Conference, moved that the Rules of Order of the last General Conference be adopted for the present session.

Mahon's motion to
adopt
Rules of
1894.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, offered an amendment that a special committee of five on Rules of Order be appointed, to which shall be referred, without debate, all amendments to existing rules and all new rules. The amendment was accepted, and the motion, as amended, prevailed.

Tigert's
amendment.

Amended
motion
adopted.

On motion of Jno. J. Tigert, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, the address of the Bishops was read by Bishop Hargrove. (See above, pp. 18-31.)

Address of
the Bishops
read.

John R. Brooks, of the Western North Carolina

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Committee
of distribu-
tion ap-
pointed.

Conference, moved that the Secretaries be a Special Committee to distribute the matter of the Bishops' Address to the several standing committees.

Gross Alexander, of the Louisville Conference, offered a substitute that a Special Committee, not consisting of the Secretaries, be appointed by the Chair. This substitute was accepted by John R. Brooks, and the motion prevailed.

Bishop
Wilson pre-
sides.

Bishop Wilson took the chair.

Mahon and
Newsom's
paper pro-
viding for
Standing
Commit-
tees.

R. H. Mahon and A. W. Newsom, of the Memphis Conference, offered a paper providing for the Standing Committees, to which an amendment, concerning the order of the committees, was made by John W. Lewis, of the Louisville Conference, and accepted by the movers, so that the paper read as follows:

Resolved, 1. That there shall be fourteen Standing Committees, composed of one representative of each Annual Conference, to be elected by the respective delegations, as follows:

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| 1. Episcopacy. | 8. Boundaries. |
| 2. Itinerancy. | 9. Temperance. |
| 3. Revisals. | 10. Sunday Schools. |
| 4. Publishing Interests. | 11. Epworth League. |
| 5. Education. | 12. Appeals. |
| 6. Missions. | 13. Finance. |
| 7. Church Extension. | 14. Colportage. |

Resolved, 2. When the committees assemble for organization, they shall elect a temporary chairman and secretary, and afterwards a permanent chairman and secretary by ballot.

Resolved, 3. That the first seven of these committees shall hold their stated meetings on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week during the session, at 2:30 P.M., and the last seven on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday of each week, at 2:30 P.M.

Byrd's
amendment
adopted.

C. W. Byrd, of the Western North Carolina Conference, proposed an amendment, substituting 3 P.M. for 2:30 P.M., which was adopted.

Anderson's
substitute
laid on the
table.

James A. Anderson, of the Arkansas Conference, offered a substitute that the committees whose numbers are odd should meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and those whose numbers are even should meet on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Amended
paper
adopted.

On motion this substitute was laid on the table.

The original paper, as amended, was then adopted.

Bishop Keener, amid deep solemnity, presented the following paper to the Conference: **MAY 5.
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To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Dear Brethren: Please bear with me while I speak of things concerning myself. I have had the honor of being an itinerant Methodist preacher these fifty-six years past, and for half that time one of your general superintendents. I have been the subject of great indulgence at your hands, and of many favors, for which I wish now to express my sincere gratitude. I have endeavored to discharge conscientiously and prayerfully the delicate and difficult duties which devolved upon me in caring for both the ministers and churches of our large Connection.

Bishop
Keener's
address
to the
Confer-
ence.

To my honored colleagues I am much indebted for their generous supply of my lack of service during periods of sickness and bereavement.

My age and infirmities, physical and mental, demand some relief both for myself and the Church; and I respectfully refer the matter of my future service to your godly judgment.

I congratulate you upon the favorable circumstances in which we are met in General Conference; upon the manifest blessing of God on our Church during this past quadrennium; upon the large increase of its ministry and membership since the close of the civil war; upon our steady adherence to the doctrine and discipline of Methodism, as we received it from our fathers; and upon the enlargement of our missionary enterprise at home and abroad.

My conviction as to the scriptural value of Methodist doctrine has never wavered since my conversion, at the mourners' bench in this city, in 1837. I thank God that he heard my cry; that he called me to be a Methodist itinerant in the far South. There I was licensed to preach, and there I have spent my days continuously, in fellowship with those noble spirits who have fashioned and built up our Church until this present hour. Having had opportunity, for so long a time, to know and estimate our connectional system, I wish to record my testimony to its value: a system that places a pastor in every church, and provides a church for every pastor; that penetrates every neighborhood, preaches at every cross-roads, builds a church in every village, and reaches from the Atlantic to the Pacific; that traverses every prairie, keeps up with the pioneer, and includes the Indian reservations; a system in which thousands of ministers are annually appointed to go, and none refuse; often going to a work with only a name, and financially naked as a rock; but in a year returning with sheaves of precious converts, a circuit established, a church and parsonage built. Such a patriarchal, military system could only have been the outgrowth of the divine influence that made Mr. Wes-

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ley the spiritual father of his people, and guided him in shaping Connectional Methodism. This he held to be as essential for efficiency as the doctrines which he preached.

Such a guild cannot be surpassed by any body on earth, whether social, political, martial, or industrial, in its *esprit de corps*: men that eat of the same loaf, drink of the same cup, who have enlisted under the banner of the Prince of Peace, and move with equal step to the conquest of the world for Christ.

The new birth is the keystone of Wesleyan doctrine. This is that "scriptural holiness" which Mr. Wesley sought to spread throughout England and America: that "the Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

Let nothing divert you from preaching this great law of life: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Put men in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and he will see to the rest. He will lead them through green pastures, beside still waters. He will

Make them for some moments feast
With Jesus' priests and kings.

He will guide them by his counsel, and afterwards receive them to glory. This is the law of the Spirit of life which shall conquer the world.

My delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law I meditate day and night. My hope is to meet my illustrious Colleagues who have gone before; and the brethren throughout our Zion, with whom I have so often taken sweet counsel; and my precious parents and relations; and the yet nearer ones who have made my home only less than the heavenly home to which we are journeying. Do not forget me in your prayers, my brethren; and

Where God's great throne of sapphire rests,
Mid hoary peaks of amethyst,
There Jesus dwells, in Glory's bright abyss;
The Spirit's quenchless fire of holiness:
There may we all each other greet!
And find, in awful heights, a *brother's* seat. (Rev. iii. 21.)

Bishop Gal-
loway's re-
marks.

Bishop Galloway followed with appropriate remarks on behalf of the College of Bishops and the Church.

Hoss's motion
for special
committee.

E. E. Hoss, of the Holston Conference, moved that a special committee of three be appointed to draft suitable resolutions touching the paper of Bishop Keener.

Withdrawn.

D. C. Kelley, of the Tennessee Conference, offered as a substitute that the paper be referred to the Committee on Episcopacy; whereupon E. E. Hoss withdrew his motion, and the motion of D. C. Kelley prevailed.

Kelley's mo-
tion pre-
vails.

Committee
on Rules
appointed.

The following Committee on Rules of Order was appointed by the Chair: J. M. Mason, R. N. Sledd, J. A. Pritchett, J. O. Branch, E. C. Reeves.

A resolution of C. W. White and J. D. Barbee, proposing an alteration in Rule 1, as to the time of meeting and adjournment, was presented, and referred to the Special Committee on Rules.

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White's resolution referred.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this General Conference that all arrangements for public worship should be entirely subject to the control of the Committee on Public Worship, and that the delegates present should recognize its authority.

E. E. HOSS,

R. G. WATERHOUSE.

Hoss's resolution on public worship adopted.

Gross Alexander and A. F. Watkins offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Alexander's resolution on Standing Committees adopted.

Resolved, That after the reading of the minutes on to-morrow the Secretary shall call the Conferences, and the chairmen of the respective delegations shall hand in the names of their several members for the Standing Committees in duplicate, which shall then be read by the Secretary.

An amendment to Rule 10 was offered by W. W. Smith and J. P. Garland, and referred to the Committee on Rules of Order.

Smith's resolution referred.

F. D. Swindell, of the North Carolina Conference, moved the appointment of a special committee of five on Reception of Fraternal Delegates and Fraternal Correspondence; and the motion prevailed.

Swindell's motion for special committee adopted.

F. D. Swindell, of the North Carolina Conference, moved that the Committee on Public Worship should consist of the presiding elders of the two Baltimore districts and the preachers in charge of the city churches; and the motion prevailed.

Swindell's motion for appointment of Committee on Public Worship.

Announcements were made by Robert Magruder, of the Baltimore Conference, on behalf of the Local Committee.

Announcements.

D. C. Kelley, of the Tennessee Conference, moved that a representative of each delegation meet in the Armory at 4 P.M., to select seats for the several delegations by lot; and the motion prevailed.

Kelley's motion on seats adopted.

On motion of John L. Wheat, of the Louisville Conference, Robert Magruder was added to the Committee on Public Worship.

Magruder added to Committee on Public Worship.

The following Committee on Reception of Fraternal

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Fraternal
Committee
appointed.

Prettyman, W. H. LaPrade, E. W. Cole.

Anderson's
resolution
referred.

A substitute for Rule 7 was offered by John Anderson and R. H. Cooper, and was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Reporters
invited to
seats.

On motion, it was ordered that we invite reporters and correspondents of the various papers to seats provided on the Conference floor.

Clerical dele-
gates recog-
nized and
seated.

The following clerical delegates were announced as present, and were recognized and seated: Young J. Allen, of the China Mission Conference; Frank Richardson, Charles T. Carroll, R. N. Price, of the Holston Conference; W. W. Wadsworth, W. F. Glenn, J. D. Hammond, W. P. Lovejoy, of the North Georgia Conference; J. A. Rice, of the South Carolina Conference; W. J. Collier, T. A. Kerley, of the Tennessee Conference.

Lay delegates
recognized
and seated.

The following lay delegates were also announced as present, and were recognized and seated: John W. Woods, of the Baltimore Conference; J. M. Jenkins, of the Arkansas Conference; E. B. Craighead, W. G. Miller, of the Missouri Conference; John C. LeGrand, of the North Alabama Conference; F. A. Quillian, T. H. Dozier, P. B. Johnson, B. S. Willingham, of the North Georgia Conference; B. M. Burgher, P. C. Thurmond, Sidney Bass, of the North Texas Conference; J. M. Robertson, R. S. Hyer, J. W. Robbins, of the Northwest Texas Conference; J. B. Humbert, of the South Carolina Conference; W. M. Baskervill, W. T. Thomas, of the Tennessee Conference; R. W. Peatross, of the Virginia Conference.

Adjourn-
ment.

The doxology was sung, and, on motion, the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Bishop Keener.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1898.

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SECOND DAY.

Conference
meets.

Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Keener in the chair.

Religious
service.

Religious services were conducted by J. C. Simmons, of the Pacific Conference.

The roll of the Conferences was called, and the fol-

lowing delegates, not present yesterday, were recognized and seated: Arkansas Conference, G. W. Hill, clerical delegate; Baltimore Conference, L. J. Williams, lay delegate; Los Angeles Conference, J. J. N. Kenney, clerical delegate; Mississippi Conference, W. C. Black, clerical delegate; North Alabama Conference, Daniel Collier, lay delegate; North Carolina Conference, L. S. Smith, lay delegate; South Georgia Conference, J. B. McGehee, clerical delegate; Western Virginia Conference, South G. Preston, clerical delegate, E. B. Hawkins, lay delegate; White River Conference, R. R. James, lay delegate; Holston Conference, J. W. Hicks, O. W. Patton, and T. C. Vaughan, lay delegates.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read.

Bishop Wilson took the chair.

The opening sentence of the Journal, as formulated by the Secretary, read as follows: "The Thirteenth General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, since its organization authorized in 1844 by the last General Conference of the undivided Methodist Episcopal Church in America, assembled in the Fourth Regiment Armory, Baltimore, Md., at 9 A.M. Thursday, May 5, 1898."

Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, rose to the point of order that it was not in the power of the Secretary or any man to change the notation of the General Conference.

Bishop Wilson ruled the point well taken.

The minutes were further corrected, and approved.

The order of the day was then taken up, and the Secretary proceeded to call the roll of the Conferences that the chairmen of the several delegations might announce the assignment of the members to the various standing committees.

D. C. Kelley, of the Tennessee Conference, moved that these lists of committeemen be handed to the Secretary without reading; and his motion prevailed.

The following are the Standing Committees of the General Conference:

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Roll call.

Minutes read.
Bp. Wilson took the chair.

Secretary's opening sentence.

Denny's point of order.

Sustained.

Minutes approved.

Order of the day.

Kelley's motion prevails.

Standing Committees.

CONFERENCE.	EPISCOPACY.	ITINERANCY.	REVISALS.
Alatama,	A. J. Lamar,	J. O. Keener,	J. M. Mason,
Arkansas,	F. S. H. Johnston,	J. M. Jenkins,	James A. Anderson,
Baltimore,	Collins Denny,	Rumsey Smithson,	John A. Kern,
China Mission,	Young J. Allen,	Young J. Allen,	Young J. Allen,
Columbia,	H. S. Shangle,	W. A. McGhee,	W. A. McGhee,
Denver,	J. H. Ledbetter,	J. H. Ledbetter,	J. H. Ledbetter,
East Columbia,	E. G. Michael,	E. G. Michael,	J. J. Adkins,
East Texas,	John Adams,	T. P. Smith,	John Adams,
Florida,	Charles A. Fulwood,	Claude A. Saunders,	Charles W. White,
German Mission,	A. E. Rector,		A. E. Rector,
Holston,	E. E. Hoss,	F. Richardson,	R. N. Price,
Illinois,	J. W. Westcott,	S. S. Vick,	J. W. Westcott,
Indian Mission,	C. M. Coppedge,	A. J. Wolverton,	A. N. Averyt,
Kentucky,	Julius Edwin Wright,	John R. Deering,	G. W. Young,
Little Rock,	A. Hunter,	J. R. Moore,	J. H. Rigglin,
Los Angeles,	J. J. N. Kenney,	J. J. N. Kenney,	M. Knoch,
Louisiana,	C. W. Carter,	William H. LaPrade,	William H. LaPrade,
Louisville,	H. C. Morrison,	J. W. Lewis,	Gross Alexander,
Memphis,	R. H. Mahon,	W. A. Freeman,	G. W. Wilson,
Mex. Border Mis.,	T. del Valle,	T. del Valle,	B. G. Marsh,
Mississippi,	C. G. Andrews,	H. B. McGehee,	W. C. Black,
Missouri,	J. H. Pritchett,	J. D. Vincil,	R. H. Cooper,
Montana,	S. B. Tabor,	S. B. Tabor,	S. B. Tabor,
New Mexico,	M. Hodgson,	M. Hodgson,	M. Hodgson,
North Alabama,	Anson West,	S. L. Dobbs,	Daniel Collier,
North Carolina,	John C. Kilgo,	E. A. Yates,	T. N. Ivy,
North Georgia,	W. A. Candler,	S. P. Jones,	W. P. Lovejoy,
North Mississippi,	W. B. Murrain,	J. S. Oakley,	J. W. Boswell,
North Texas,	John H. McLean,	Isaac S. Ashburn,	Isaac W. Clark,
Northwest Mex. Mis.,	E. Quifiones,	E. Quifiones,	E. Quifiones,
Northwest Texas,	W. L. Nelms,	E. A. Bailey,	James Campbell,
Pacific,	W. F. Coffin,	W. F. Coffin,	W. F. Coffin,
South Carolina,	Samuel A. Weber,	George E. Prince,	John A. Rice,
South Georgia,	James O. Branch,	John B. McGehee,	James W. Hinton,
Southwest Missouri,	W. B. Palmore,	C. C. Woods,	Jno. J. Tigert,
St. Louis,	S. H. Werlein,	S. H. Werlein,	S. H. Werlein,
Tennessee,	D. C. Kelley,	T. A. Kerley,	H. B. Reams,
Texas,	Seth Ward,	E. W. Solomon,	Seth Ward,
Virginia,	J. P. Garland,	Paul Whitehead,	W. E. Edwards,
West Texas,	J. D. Scott,	J. E. Pritchett,	J. D. Scott,
Western,	W. H. Comer,	B. R. Scott,	W. H. Comer,
Western N. Carolina,	James Atkins,	J. H. Weaver,	John R. Brooks,
Western Virginia,	T. S. Wade,	S. G. Preston,	S. G. Preston,
White River,	S. H. Babcock,	S. H. Babcock,	J. H. Dye.

CONFERENCE.	PUBLISHING INTERESTS.	EDUCATION.	MISSIONS.
Alabama,	W. F. Vandiver,	O. D. Smith,	J. M. Carmichael,
Arkansas,	F. S. H. Johnston,	George W. Hill,	James A. Anderson,
Baltimore,	John S. Hutchinson,	Ed S. Conrad,	Peter H. Whisner,
China Mission,	Young J. Allen,	Young J. Allen,	Young J. Allen,
Columbia,	H. S. Shangle,	W. A. McGhee,	H. S. Shangle,
Denver,	J. R. Killian,	J. R. Killian,	J. H. Ledbetter,
East Columbia,	E. G. Michael,	J. J. Adkins,	E. G. Michael,
East Texas,	T. S. Garrison,	J. R. Heartsill,	T. P. Smith,
Florida,	G. A. Hanson,	Claude A. Saunders,	Charles A. Fulwood,
German Mission,	A. G. Rector,		A. E. Rector,
Holston,	E. C. Reeves,	R. G. Waterhouse,	C. T. Carroll,
Illinois,	S. S. Vick,	J. W. Westcott,	S. S. Vick,
Indian Mission,	A. J. Wolverton,	C. C. Mathis,	T. F. Brewer,
Kentucky,	W. W. Ball,	Robert T. Marshall,	Julius Edwin Wright,
Little Rock,	J. D. Clary,	J. H. Hinemon,	A. Hunter,
Los Angeles,	M. Knoch,	J. J. N. Kenney,	M. Knoch,
Louisiana,	S. B. McCutchen,	C. W. Carter,	F. N. Parker,
Louisville,	J. L. Wheat,	R. E. Crockett,	W. S. Johnson,
Memphis,	A. W. Newsom,	Warner Moore,	R. H. Mahon,
Mex. Border Mis.,	B. G. Marsh,	B. G. Marsh,	B. G. Marsh,
Mississippi,	S. B. Watts,	E. Mayes,	A. F. Watkins,
Missouri,	John Anderson,	E. B. Craighead,	W. G. Miller,
Montana,	S. B. Tabor,	S. B. Tabor,	S. B. Tabor,
New Mexico,	M. Hodgson,	M. Hodgson,	M. Hodgson,
North Alabama,	J. W. Newman,	S. M. Hosmer,	N. M. Rowe,
North Carolina,	B. N. Duke,	John C. Kilgo,	E. D. Swindell,
North Georgia,	W. F. Glenn,	John D. Hammond,	W. W. Wadsworth,
North Mississippi,	A. H. George,	R. W. Jones,	T. W. Lewis,
North Texas,	B. M. Burgher,	F. B. Sinex,	T. R. Pierce.

CONFERENCE	PUBLISHING INTERESTS.	EDUCATION.	MISSIONS.
Northwest Mex. Mis., Northwest Texas, Pacific, South Carolina, South Georgia, Southwest Missouri, St. Louis, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Texas, Western, Western N. Carolina, Western Virginia, White River,	E. Quiñones, J. M. Robbins, J. C. Simmons, John O. Willson, N. P. Banks, C. C. Woods, E. B. Chappell, W. J. Collier, J. D. Campbell, A. G. Brown, Sterling Fisher, W. H. Comer, W. R. Odell, T. S. Wade, J. H. Dye,	E. Quiñones, R. S. Hyer, J. C. Simmons, J. Walter Daniel, Charles E. Dowman, J. C. Shelton, E. B. Chappell, W. M. Baskerville, H. C. Pritchett, W. W. Smith, J. E. Pritchett, B. R. Scott, W. R. Odell, E. B. Hawkins, J. H. Dye,	E. Quiñones, S. P. Wright, W. F. Coffin, W. R. Richardson, G. G. N. MacDonell, W. B. Palmore, J. L. Carlisle, D. C. Scales, E. W. Solomon, R. N. Sledde, Sterling Fisher, W. H. Comer, Charles W. Byrd, H. J. Wagoner, S. H. Babcock.

CONFERENCE.	CHURCH EXTENSION.	BOUNDARIES.	TEMPERANCE.
Alabama, Arkansas, Baltimore, China Mission, Columbia, Denver, East Columbia, East Texas, Florida, German Mission, Holston, Illinois, Indian Mission, Kentucky, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisiana, Louisville, Memphis, Mex. Border Mis., Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, North Alabama, North Carolina, North Georgia, North Mississippi, North Texas, Northwest Mex. Mis., Northwest Texas, Pacific, South Carolina, South Georgia, Southwest Missouri, St. Louis, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Texas, Western, Western N. Carolina, Western Virginia, White River,	T. F. Mangum, J. W. Maddux, John W. Woods, Young J. Allen, H. S. Shangle, J. R. Killian, E. G. Michael, T. S. Garrison, Charles W. White, T. W. Jordan, J. W. Westcott, T. F. Brewer, Julius Edwin Wright, J. D. Clary, J. J. N. Kenney, W. B. Thomson, J. W. Lewis, L. S. Woods, T. del Valle, H. B. McGehee, W. F. Packard, S. B. Tabor, M. Hodgson, I. D. Mason, D. B. Zollicoffer, B. S. Willingham, W. R. Trigg, Sidney Bass, E. Quiñones, Asa Holt, J. C. Simmons, Joseph B. Humbert, M. C. Austin, M. W. Hall, M. R. Smith, J. D. Barbee, H. C. Pritchett, J. P. Branch, J. S. McKinnon, E. R. Scott, M. O. Sherrill, S. G. Preston, R. R. James,	J. M. Carmichael, F. S. H. Johnston, Peter V. D. Conway, Young J. Allen, H. S. Shangle, J. H. Ledbetter, E. G. Michael, T. P. Smith, Joseph C. Sale, A. E. Rector, J. W. Hicks, S. S. Vick, A. N. Averyt, G. W. Young, J. H. Riffin, J. J. N. Kenney, J. N. Pharr, W. S. Johnson, G. W. Wilson, T. del Valle, C. G. Andrews, John Anderson, S. B. Tabor, M. Hodgson, S. M. Hosmer, F. D. Swindell, T. B. Johnson, J. S. Oakley, Isaac S. Ashburn, E. Quiñones, John R. Nelson, J. P. Strother, Jesse A. Clifton, J. L. Day, John A. Rich, J. L. Carlisle, H. B. Reams, E. W. Solomon, A. E. Kellam, J. D. Scott, W. H. Comer, F. C. Robbins, E. B. Hawkins, J. H. Dye,	D. C. Turnipseed, George P. Jackson, Ed S. Conrad, Young J. Allen, W. A. McGhee, J. R. Killian, J. J. Adkins, J. R. Heartsill, G. A. Hanson, E. C. Reeves, J. W. Westcott, T. P. Howell, G. W. Young, R. N. Ross, M. Knoch, J. N. Pharr, T. J. Williams, L. S. Woods, B. G. Marsh, W. C. Black, R. H. Cooper, S. B. Tabor, M. Hodgson, I. D. Mason, D. B. Zollicoffer, L. S. Ledbetter, J. W. Boswell, Isaac W. Clark, E. Quiñones, D. S. Switzer, J. C. Simmons, Robert O. Purdy, M. C. Austin, T. W. Cassell, M. R. Smith, E. W. Cole, J. D. Campbell, R. W. Peatross, J. E. Pritchett, B. R. Scott, F. Stikeleather, E. B. Hawkins, A. L. Malone.

CONFERENCE.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	EPWORTH LEAGUE.	APPEALS.
Alabama, Arkansas, Baltimore, China Mission, Columbia, Denver, East Columbia, East Texas, Florida, German Mission, Holston, Illinois,	D. C. Turnipseed, J. M. Jenkins, Robert Magruder, Young J. Allen, W. A. McGhee, J. R. Killian, J. J. Adkins, J. R. Heartsill, Charles T. Carroll, A. E. Rector, T. W. Jordan, S. S. Vick,	T. F. Mangum, James A. Anderson, Peter H. Whisner, Young J. Allen, H. S. Shangle, J. H. Ledbetter, J. J. Adkins, T. S. Garrison, Joseph C. Sale, A. E. Rector, O. W. Patton, J. W. Westcott,	J. O. Keener, George W. Hill, Collins Denny, Young J. Allen, H. S. Shangle, J. R. Killian, E. G. Michael, John Adams, Joseph C. Sale, F. Richardson, S. S. Vick,

CONFERENCE.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	EPWORTH LEAGUE.	APPEALS.
Indian Mission, Kentucky, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisiana, Louisville, Memphis, Mex. Border Mis., Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, North Alabama, North Carolina, North Georgia, North Mississippi, North Texas, Northwest Mex. Mis., Northwest Texas, Pacific, South Carolina, South Georgia, Southwest Missouri, St. Louis, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Texas, Western, Western N. Carolina, Western Virginia, White River,	T. P. Howell, John R. Deering, J. H. Hinemon, M. Knoch, W. B. Thomson, W. K. Piner, John R. Pepper, T. del Valle, E. Mayes, E. B. Craighead, S. B. Tabor, M. Hodgson, J. C. LeGrand, L. S. Smith, F. A. Quillian, G. J. Leftwich, B. M. Burgher, E. Quiñones, George H. Mulkey, J. P. Strother, James H. Carlisle, B. F. Whittington, J. C. Shelton, M. R. Smith, T. T. Thomas, J. D. Campbell, C. E. Vawter, J. S. McKinnon, B. R. Scott, James Atkins, H. J. Wagoner, A. L. Malone,	C. M. Coppedge, James F. Browinski, J. R. Moore, J. J. N. Kenney, F. N. Parker, W. K. Piner, T. B. King, T. del Valle, A. F. Watkins, W. F. Packard, S. B. Tabor, M. Hodgson, J. W. Newnan, J. G. Brown, M. J. Cofer, T. W. Lewis, F. B. Sinex, E. Quiñones, John M. Barcus, J. C. Simmons, Jesse A. Clifton, Charles E. Dowman, W. T. McClure, E. B. Chappell, W. M. Baskervill, H. C. Pritchett, A. Coke Smith, Sterling Fisher, W. H. Comer, Charles W. Byrd, H. J. Wagoner, A. L. Malone,	A. N. Averyt, Robert T. Marshall, J. R. Moore, J. J. N. Kenney, William H. LaPrade, H. C. Morrison, Warner Moore, B. G. Marsh, S. B. Watts, B. J. Casteel, S. B. Tabor, M. Hodgson, S. L. Dobbs, J. G. Brown, J. F. Mixon, W. B. Murrah, P. C. Thurmond, E. Quiñones, W. L. Nelms, J. P. Strother, John O. Willson, James O. Branch, John A. Rich, J. L. Carlisle, T. A. Kerley, Seth Ward, A. E. Kellam, J. E. Pritchett, B. R. Scott, P. J. Carraway, T. S. Wade, S. H. Babcock.

CONFERENCE.	FINANCE.	CONFERENCE.	COLPORTAGE.
Alabama, Arkansas, Baltimore, China Mission, Columbia, Denver, East Columbia, East Texas, Florida, Holston, Illinois, Indian Mission, Kentucky, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisiana, Louisville, Memphis, Mex. Border Mis., Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, North Alabama, North Carolina, North Georgia, North Mississippi, North Texas, Northwest Mex. Mis., Northwest Texas, Pacific, South Carolina, South Georgia, Southwest Missouri, St. Louis, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Texas, Western, Western N. Carolina, Western Virginia, White River,	O. D. Smith, J. W. Maddux, John S. Hutchinson, Young J. Allen, W. A. McGhee, J. R. Killian, J. J. Adkins, T. S. Garrison, Charles T. Carroll, T. C. Vaughan, J. W. Westcott, C. C. Mathis, James F. Browinski, J. D. Clary, M. Knoch, S. B. McCutchen, J. L. Wheat, A. W. Newsom, B. G. Marsh, H. B. McGehee, J. D. Vincil, S. B. Tabor, M. Hodgson, Daniel Collier, L. S. Smith, T. H. Dozier, R. W. Jones, Sidney Bass, E. Quiñones, J. M. Robertson, W. F. Coffin, R. L. Coleman, G. G. N. MacDonell, M. W. Hall, M. R. Smith, E. W. Cole, J. D. Campbell, R. S. Paulett, J. S. McKinnon, B. R. Scott, F. Sikeleather, H. J. Wagoner, R. R. James.	Alabama, Arkansas, Baltimore, China Mission, Columbia, Denver, East Columbia, East Texas, Florida, Holston, Illinois, Indian Mission, Kentucky, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisiana, Louisville, Memphis, Mex. Border Mis., Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, North Alabama, North Carolina, North Georgia, North Mississippi, North Texas, Northwest Mex. Mis., Northwest Texas, Pacific, South Carolina, South Georgia, Southwest Missouri, St. Louis, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Texas, Western, Western N. Carolina, Western Virginia, White River,	W. F. Vandiver, George P. Jackson, L. J. Williams, Young J. Allen, W. A. McGhee, J. H. Ledbetter, J. J. Adkins, J. R. Heartsill, Claude A. Saunders, O. W. Patton, S. S. Vick, T. P. Howell, W. W. Ball, R. N. Ross, M. Knoch, J. N. Pharr, R. E. Crockett, T. B. King, T. del Valle, C. G. Andrews, W. G. Miller, S. B. Tabor, M. Hodgson, N. M. Rowe, T. N. Ivy, J. T. Duncan, A. H. George, P. C. Thurmond, E. Quiñones, E. A. Bailey, J. C. Simmons, Lysander D. Childs, N. P. Banks, T. W. Cassell, J. L. Carlisle, B. L. Rice, E. W. Solomon, R. W. Peatross, J. D. Scott, W. H. Comer, B. F. Dixon, E. B. Hawkins, R. R. James.

NOTE.—Changes in the Standing Committees are recorded in the Journal following.—Editor.

S. B. Watts, a lay delegate from the Mississippi Conference, was recognized and seated.

MAY 6.
SECOND DAY.

Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, presented to the General Conference a gavel made from wood taken from the old Strawbridge log meetinghouse on Sam's Creek.

S. B. Watts
seated.

Denny pre-
sents
gavel.

Bishop Wilson, in accepting the gavel, made suitable response.

Bp. Wilson
accepts.

The Rev. W. T. Davison, M.A., D.D., the fraternal delegate to this General Conference from the Wesleyan Methodist Conference, was introduced, and made a few remarks in presenting his credentials.

Dr. Davison
introduced.

The Secretary read a communication from the Bureau of Information, requesting delegates and visitors to register their names.

Secretary
reads com-
munica-
tion.

At the suggestion of D. C. Kelley, of the Tennessee Conference, W. B. Palmore, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, read a paper expressing the pleasure of the General Conference in having as one of us the venerable Andrew Hunter, of the Little Rock Conference, and tendering him a seat upon the platform.

Andrew
Hunter
honored.

The Conference adopted the paper, and the Chair offered this courtesy to Dr. Hunter, who responded happily.

The report of J. C. Morris, Fraternal Delegate to the last session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was read by the Secretary, as follows:

Report of
J. C. Mor-
ris as
fraternal
delegate
to the M. E.
Church.

NASHVILLE, TENN., May 2, 1898.

To the Bishops and Members of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Baltimore, Md.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: By appointment of the College of Bishops, I visited the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which met in Cleveland, Ohio, in May, 1896, as your Fraternal Delegate. The reception was had on the evening of Monday, May 4, at which time I delivered my address. My colleague, Hon. E. B. Perkins, was unable to be present at this time, because of pressing engagements at home.

Soon after leaving Cleveland I received a letter of genuine brotherly spirit from the Rev. William V. Kelley, D.D., a member of the Committee on Fraternal Delegates, inclosing the following official action of the General Conference:

"The action of the General Conference of the Methodist

MAY 6. Episcopal Church, in session at Cleveland, Ohio, adopted May
SECOND DAY. 6, 1896 :

"We express our profound gratification at the courteous messages of Christian love officially delivered on Monday evening, May 4, by the Rev. J. C. Morris, D.D., of Nashville, Tenn., the honored Fraternal Delegate sent to this body by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and our warm reciprocation of the sentiments conveyed therein, as well as our appreciation of his thoughtful, scholarly, and able address, upon a high spiritual theme, and of his gentle and dignified bearing under painfully trying circumstances while among us. We record with inexpressible sorrow our intense mortification that, through a most unfortunate misunderstanding between committees, Dr. Morris was in no way properly cared for and entertained. We lament that this mistake, inadvertently made on his arrival, was discovered only when it was too late, not for explanation, but for making such amends as we wished; and also that between the time of the appointment of the Committee on the Reception of Fraternal Delegates at the close of the session on Monday morning, and Dr. Morris's departure from the city, there was no opportunity for introduction to this Conference.

"We deeply deplore the fact that, by unwitting mistakes of arrangement and the brevity of Dr. Morris's stay, the members of this body were deprived of the privilege of such personal contact and intercourse with him as they desired, as his fraternal visit naturally invited, and as his eminently Christian spirit would have made delightful to us. We beg to assure Dr. Morris, and the great Church whose greeting he has been officially charged to bring to us, that only a most extraordinary chapter of lamentable accidents prevented him from receiving the kind of reception due to so eminent a guest, coming on an embassy of love from an honorable, distinguished, and respected Christian community; and due also to our own credit and self-respect as the recipients of such an embassy and the hosts of such a guest.

"We devoutly implore the great Head of the Church universal that no misunderstandings may arise to retard the steady growth of mutual respect and affection between these two great branches of Methodism, between which Dr. Morris is a fit, capable, and acceptable messenger. Furthermore, we earnestly request Dr. Morris to return to Cleveland as our guest during the session of this Conference, in order that he may be properly introduced to this body, and that we, as members, may meet him socially and manifest to him the regard we feel and which is particularly due to the representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. And also the General Conference desires to give a proper public reception on May 18 to Dr. Morris, together with his associate, the Hon. E. B. Perkins, who in-

forms us that he will be here at that time to fulfill his duty as Fraternal Messenger and to receive from this Conference the cordial reception which awaits him." MAY 6.
SECOND DAY.

In response to this, I returned to Cleveland on Saturday, May 15, and joined the Hon. E. B. Perkins, our lay Fraternal Delegate. We were introduced to the General Conference on Monday, May 18. In the evening he delivered a worthy address. He will make a full report. On Thursday I took formal leave of the Conference.

Your brother and servant,

JAMES C. MORRIS.

On motion of Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, this paper was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Delegates and Correspondence. Referred.

The Bishop announced as follows the Committee on Distributing the Episcopal Address: A. G. Brown, J. Campbell, C. W. Carter, J. H. Carlisle, J. D. Vincil. Committee
on distri-
bution of
Episcopal
Address.

The Secretary called the roll of the Conferences for appeals, memorials, and petitions, and the following were introduced: Appeals,
memorials,
and
petitions.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A memorial to require local preachers to report to the District Conference. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

A memorial to authorize unordained preachers in the Church to perform the marriage ceremony. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Appeal of A. C. Hundley. Referred to the Committee on Appeals.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning change of boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

A memorial providing a committee on candidates for admission. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial changing ¶ 105 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial changing Chapter III., Section III., of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning superannuated preachers. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

MAY 6.
SECOND DAY.

Appeals,
memorials,
and
petitions.

A memorial on boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

A memorial changing the chapter on appeals. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MEXICAN BORDER MISSION CONFERENCE.—Appeal of C. V. P. Rubin. Referred to the Committee on Appeals.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—A memorial on boards of trustees. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—A memorial in reference to change of name of the Church. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Appeal of Thomas Cooper. Referred to the Committee on Appeals.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial to divide said Conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial amending Chapter VII. of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial on jurisdiction of preachers in charge. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

The appeal of Walter Spence. Referred to the Committee on Appeals.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A memorial in reference to Epworth Leagues. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial on Conference relations of local preachers. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—A memorial on boundaries between the Tennessee and Louisville Conferences. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

A memorial concerning appointments by Bishops. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

A memorial on the General Board of Epworth League. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

A memorial to put Epworth Leagues under the control of the Quarterly Conference. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

A memorial in regard to parsonage property. Referred to the Committee on Finance. MAY 6.
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A memorial on church certificates. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Appeals,
memorials,
and
petitions.

A memorial to make Epworth Leagues a department of the Sunday-school work. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

A memorial from the Guthrie charge in regard to change of boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

A memorial on endowments and courses of study. Referred to the Committee on Education.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.—A memorial from the Council Grove District Conference on boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

A memorial from the Atchison District Conference on boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.—A memorial on distribution of foreign missionary money. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.—Four memorials on evangelists. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

A memorial on church certificates. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial in reference to the endowment of the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University. Referred to the Committee on Education.

A memorial was presented from the Conference of Sunday-school Workers of the Mississippi Conference on the Sunday-school Conference. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial was presented from the General Board of Education, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Secretary presented a communication from the American Anti-saloon League. Referred to the Committee on Temperance.

P. H. Whisner, of the Baltimore Conference, moved that the seating of the delegates be so rearranged that each delegation shall have two seats more than the number of delegates. Whisner's
motion on
seats.

MAY 6. An amendment was offered by D. C. Kelley, of the
SECOND DAY. Tennessee Conference, changing the number of extra
 Kelley's amendment. seats from two to three.

Adopted. The amendment was accepted by P. H. Whisner, and the motion prevailed.

J. D. Vincil, of the Missouri Conference, announced that J. H. Pritchett had been selected to represent the Conference in the matter of the appeal of Thomas Cooper.

Resolutions. The Conferences were called for resolutions, and the following were introduced:

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—The following resolution was presented:

Pritchett's resolutions. Whereas the King whom we serve is the King of Peace; and whereas we are praying and laboring and hoping for the day when the nations shall learn war no more; and whereas war, under any condition, is a thing to be dreaded and deprecated, and if possible avoided, by every Christian people; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we hereby express our gratification at the Christian manliness and statesmanship displayed by President McKinley in seeking, under the most trying ordeal, to avoid war with Spain.

2. That we do assure him most sincerely, together with all his colaborers, of our deepest sympathy and strongest moral support in this time of weighty responsibility and great peril.

3. That our united and constant prayer shall be for such a termination of this war as shall secure permanently the ends of justice, right, and truth everywhere.

Signed for the Missouri Conference delegation.

J. H. PRITCHETT, *Chairman.*

R. H. COOPER, *Secretary.*

Nelms's motion. W. L. Nelms, of the Northwest Texas Conference, moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Fraternal Delegates and Correspondence.

Willson's substitute. J. O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference, offered as a substitute, that the resolution be referred to a special committee of three, to be appointed by the Bishop.

Byrd's motion. C. W. Byrd, of the Western North Carolina Conference, moved that the substitute be laid on the table; and the motion prevailed.

Lovejoy's motion. W. P. Lovejoy, of the North Georgia Conference,

moved that the motion of W. L. Nelms be laid on the table; and the motion prevailed. **MAY 6.**
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J. W. Boswell, of the North Mississippi Conference, moved the previous question. **Boswell's motion.**

The previous question was ordered, and the resolutions were adopted. **Resolutions adopted.**

J. H. Pritchett, of the Missouri Conference, moved that the Secretary transmit a copy of these resolutions to the President of the United States, and the motion prevailed. **Pritchett's motion adopted.**

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—A resolution on local preachers. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. **Resolutions continued.**

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A resolution on local preachers. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.—A resolution to change ¶ 120 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A resolution, signed by W. T. McClure and J. M. Barcus, on the election of delegates to the District Conference, was presented. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A resolution was presented, signed by J. M. Barcus, W. L. Nelms, and James Campbell, on local preachers. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

J. D. Barbee, of the Tennessee Conference, presented the Report of the Book Agents and the Book Committee, and it was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. **Report of Book Agents and Book Committee.**

J. H. Young, on behalf of the Committee on Public Worship, announced the appointments for Sunday, as follows: **Sunday appointments.**

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

Armory: 3 P.M., Dr. W. T. Davison.

Trinity: 11 A.M., Bishop Duncan; 8 P.M., A. Coke Smith.

St. Paul's: 11 A.M., Bishop Galloway; 8 P.M., H. C. Morrison.

Central: 11 A.M., Bishop Key; 8 P.M., James Atkins.

Calvary: 11 A.M., Bishop Hendrix; 8 P.M., Sam P. Jones.

Immanuel: 11 A.M., Bishop Granbery; 8 P.M., William H. LaPrade.

Wilkins Avenue: 11 A.M., J. E. Wright; 8 P.M., E. B. Chappell.

Arlington: 11 A.M., Bishop Hargrove; 8 P.M., E. E. Hoss.

North Baltimore: 11 A.M., W. K. Piner; 8 P.M., J. A. Kern.

MAY 6. *Frederick Avenue:* 11 A.M., J. W. Westcott; 8 P.M., Elijah G. Michael.

Sunday
appoint-
ments.

Caernarvon: 11 A.M., C. M. Coppedge; 8 P.M., W. L. Nelms.

Sudbrook: 11 A.M., F. D. Swindell; 8 P.M., C. A. Saunders.

Reisterstown: 11 A.M., W. J. Collier.

Laurel: 11 A.M., G. W. Young.

Washington—Mt. Vernon Place, 11 A.M., W. A. Candler; 8 P.M., C. W. Byrd. *Epworth,* 11 A.M., C. W. Byrd; 8 P.M., W. A. Candler.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

First Church: 11 A.M., Bishop Fitzgerald; 8 P.M., Young J. Allen.

Mt. Vernon: 11 A.M., W. B. Murrah; 8 P.M., Collins Denny.

Grace: 11 A.M., D. C. Kelley; 8 P.M., W. B. Palmore.

Madison Avenue: 11 A.M., R. N. Sledd; 8 P.M., J. C. Kilgo.

Fayette Street: 11 A.M., Jno. J. Tigert; 8 P.M., John W. Boswell.

West Baltimore Station: 11 A.M., John W. Lewis.

Harford Avenue: 11 A.M., Warner Moore; 8 P.M., John W. Newman.

Harlem Park: 11 A.M., T. R. Pierce; 8 P.M., F. Richardson.

Union Square: 11 A.M., R. N. Price; 8 P.M., J. R. Moore.

Appold: 11 A.M., R. Smithson; 8 P.M., Charles W. Carter.

Columbia Avenue: 11 A.M., John O. Keener; 8 P.M., T. S. Wade.

Bennett Memorial: 11 A.M., A. J. Lamar; 8 P.M., S. H. Babcock.

Monument Street: 11 A.M., J. A. Anderson; 8 P.M., S. G. Preston.

Chatsworth: 11 A.M., William P. Lovejoy; 8 P.M., W. H. Comer.

East Baltimore Station: 11 A.M., Gross Alexander.

First Church, Annapolis: 11 A.M., A. G. Brown.

INDEPENDENT.

St. John's, Liberty Street: 11 A.M., James Campbell; 8 P.M., J. D. Scott.

BAPTIST.

Fourth Baptist, Broadway and Jefferson: 11 A.M., W. W. Wadsworth; 8 P.M., W. C. Black.

Eutaw Place: 11 A.M., S. H. Werlein; 8 P.M., Seth Ward.

Boundary Avenue: 11 A.M., S. A. Weber; 8 P.M., T. A. Kerley.

Immanuel: 11 A.M., A. F. Watkins; 8 P.M., W. F. Glenn.

REFORMED EPISCOPAL.

Church of Redeemer, Bolton and Lauvale Streets: 11 A.M., J. D. Barbee; 8 P.M., R. J. Bigham.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Maryland Avenue: 11 A.M., Collins Denny; 8 P.M., J. H. Riggins.

Westminster: 11 A.M., W. E. Edwards; 8 P.M., S. P. Wright.

Caroline Street: 11 A.M., R. D. Smart.

Franklin Street: 11 A.M., E. A. Yates; 8 P.M., P. A. Moses.

Guilford Avenue: 11 A.M., T. F. Mangum; 8 P.M., James H. Pritchett.

MAY 6.
SECOND DAY.

Sunday
appoint-
ments.

Bishop Wilson presented a letter from Dr. Lanahan, of the Methodist Book Depository, inviting the Conference, and especially the committees, to make free use of Wesley Hall, and inviting attention to the interesting relics in the library.

Invitation
from Dr.
Lanahan.

J. O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference, moved that all the standing committees meet this afternoon for organization, the first half at 3:30 o'clock and the second half at 5:30 o'clock.

Willson's
motion.

W. A. Candler, of the North Georgia Conference, offered as an amendment that those committees which would meet regularly this afternoon shall also proceed with such other business as they desire; and the amendment was adopted.

Candler's
amend-
ment.

J. O. Willson's motion, as amended, was adopted.

Motion, as
amended,
adopted.
Magruder's
announc-
ments.

Robert Magruder, of the Local Committee, made announcements on behalf of that committee.

J. E. Wright, of the Kentucky Conference, moved that the Conference order a prayer meeting for 8:30 o'clock every morning.

Wright's
motion.

J. O. Willson offered as an amendment that the hour be fixed at 8 o'clock; and the amendment was adopted.

Willson's
amend-
ment
adopted.

J. E. Wright's motion, as amended, was adopted.

On motion the Conference adjourned.

Adjourn-
ment.

The doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by C. G. Andrews, of the Mississippi Conference.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 7, 1898.

Conference met at the stated hour, Bishop Wilson in the chair.

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Religious service was conducted by R. H. Mahon, of the Memphis Conference.

Conference
meets.
Religious
service.

The roll of the Conferences was called for delegates and alternates not previously reported, and the following were recognized and seated: Louisiana Conference, John N. Pharr, lay; Indian Mission Conference, C. C.

Roll call.

MAY 7. Mathis, lay; North Georgia Conference, L. S. Ledbetter, lay; South Carolina Conference, R. O. Purdy, lay; Western Virginia Conference, H. J. Wagoner, lay.

THIRD DAY. The minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected, and approved.

Minutes approved. Bishop Wilson announced that Bishop Hargrove would be the Chairman of the Committee on Appeals.

Bp. Hargrove The following changes in committees were noted:
Chm'n Com.
on Appeals.

Committee changes. The following changes in committees were noted:
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—W. C. Black for C. G. Andrews on the Committee on Colportage.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—R. G. Waterhouse for Frank Richardson on the Committee on Appeals.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.—Seth Ward for E. W. Solomon on the Committee on Missions, and E. W. Solomon for Seth Ward on the Committee on Revisals.

Bp. Granbery Bishop Granbery took the chair.
presides.

Telegram The Secretary read a telegram from Hon. J. P. Doliver requesting that the reception of the Fraternal Delegates to this Conference from the Methodist Episcopal Church be postponed until next week. On motion the paper was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Delegates and Correspondence.
from Mr.
Doliver.

Secretary's report. The Secretary reported that he had transmitted to President McKinley the resolutions passed by the Conference.

Ecumenical A paper was presented from Bishop J. F. Hurst, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, inviting a meeting of the Ecumenical Commissioners of the two Methodist Episcopal Churches, and on motion referred to the Committee on Fraternal Delegates and Correspondence.
Commis-
sioners.

W. T. McClure, Sec'y W. T. McClure, one of the assistant secretaries, was announced as the secretary of the Committee on Appeals.
Com. on
Appeals.

Organization of standing committees. The organization of the standing committees was reported as follows:

BOUNDARIES.—C. G. Andrews, Mississippi Conference, *Chairman*; J. R. Nelson, Northwest Texas Conference, *Secretary*.

EPISCOPACY.—J. H. Pritchett, Missouri Conference, *Chairman*; W. L. Nelms, Northwest Texas Conference, *Secretary*.

FINANCE.—E. W. Cole, Tennessee Conference, *Chairman*; J. D. Clary, Little Rock Conference, *Secretary*.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—J. D. Barbee, Tennessee Conference, *Chairman*; John W. Lewis, Louisville Conference, *Secretary*.

MISSIONS.—R. N. Sledd, Virginia Conference, *Chairman*; F. D. Swindell, North Carolina Conference, *Secretary*.

REVISALS.—J. M. Mason, Alabama Conference, *Chairman*; C. W. White, Florida Conference, *Secretary*.

ITINERANCY.—Frank Richardson, Holston Conference, *Chairman*; Joseph S. Oakley, North Mississippi Conference, *Secretary*.

TEMPERANCE.—E. C. Reeves, Holston Conference, *Chairman*; W. C. Black, Mississippi Conference, *Secretary*.

PUBLISHING INTERESTS.—J. P. Strother, Pacific Conference, *Chairman*; B. M. Burgher, North Texas Conference, *Secretary*.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—J. R. Pepper, Memphis Conference, *Chairman*; J. H. Hinemon, Little Rock Conference, *Secretary*; A. L. Malone, White River Conference, *Assistant Secretary*.

EDUCATION.—W. W. Smith, Virginia Conference, *Chairman*; C. E. Dowman, South Georgia Conference, *Secretary*.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.—A. Coke Smith, Virginia Conference, *Chairman*; J. M. Barcus, Northwest Texas Conference, *Secretary*.

The following resolution was adopted:

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Organization of
standing
committees.

Tigert's
resolution
adopted.

Resolved, That the secretaries of the several standing committees be instructed to keep the minutes of their respective committees in the book furnished by the Secretary of the General Conference, and that, when the committees conclude their labors, these minutes, signed by the chairman and secretary, together with the official papers remaining in the hands of the committee, be returned to the Secretary of the General Conference, to be filed in the archives of the body.

JNO. J. TIGERT,
A. F. WATKINS.

John Anderson, of the Missouri Conference, moved Bible Cause.

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THIRD DAY. Bible Cause, and the motion prevailed.

Sabbath observance. S. A. Weber, of the South Carolina Conference, moved that a special committee of nine be appointed on Sabbath Observance, and the motion prevailed.

American Bible Society. C. G. Andrews, of the Mississippi Conference, presented a communication from the American Bible Society. On motion it was referred to the Committee on Bible Cause.

Appeals, memorials, and petitions. The Secretary called the roll of Conferences for appeals, memorials, and petitions, and the following were offered:

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.—Two memorials on boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries. A memorial on education: referred to the Committee on Education. A memorial on itinerancy: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A memorial on change of Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial in reference to ¶ 120 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—A memorial to do away with the ten cent assessment in the Epworth League, and to enlarge the *Era*: referred to the Committee on Epworth League. A memorial to recognize the office of evangelist: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.—A memorial on boundaries: referred to Committee on Boundaries. A memorial from Munnerlyn's Chapel: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.—A memorial on evangelists: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A memorial on missions: referred to the Committee on Missions. A memorial on local preachers: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—A memorial from the Woman's Board of Missions: referred to the Committee on Missions.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning an amendment of the duties of trustees: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial in reference to

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and
petitions.

Quarterly Conference and stewards' work: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial touching local preachers and their work: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial from G. W. Wilson and R. H. Mahon: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial for the adoption of a steward's collection book, from Warner Moore: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—A memorial for the continuance of the *Epworth Era*: referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—A memorial from St. Joseph District Conference: referred to the Committee on Education. A memorial on Epworth Leagues: referred to the Committee on Epworth League. A memorial from Chillicothe District Conference of the Missouri Conference: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—Memorial of H. E. W. Palmer, asking Conference to order the discontinuance of the use of Sunday-school magazines for advertising purposes: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. Petition of Grayville Church to be transferred from the Holston Conference to the North Georgia Conference: referred to the Committee on Boundaries. A memorial to amend the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial to change the Ritual, Section III., ¶ 440: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A resolution to amend the constitution of the Epworth League, and provide for the election of an editor of the League organ: referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial on itinerancy: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—Memorial "A" concerning local preachers and members: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial "B" concerning Domestic Missions Board: referred to the Committee on Missions. Memorial "C" as to boards and committees: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial "D," asking installation of stewards: referred to the Com-

MAY 7. **THIRD DAY.** Appeals, memorials, and petitions. mittee on Revisals. Memorial "H," as to Presiding Elders: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Memorial "I," concerning districts: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—A memorial touching the Course of Study. Referred to the Committee on Education.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—A memorial from Rich Valley Circuit of the Tennessee Conference. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial to authorize unordained preachers when in charge to administer the sacrament and perform the rite of matrimony. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial in respect to computing the limit of the pastoral term. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial to make certain changes in the burial service. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial to limit the term of the Presiding Eldership to eight years successively. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial to make certain changes in the law concerning the Epworth League. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

A memorial to make certain changes in the law governing exhorters. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial to make certain changes in the law in reference to preachers on trial in the Annual Conferences. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial to make certain changes in the law governing traveling preachers. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial to add a chapter to the Discipline on Worldliness, immediately following the chapter on Temperance. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial on the formation of the Presiding Elders' Districts. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial to make certain changes in the Discipline in respect to local preachers. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial on boundaries between the Texas and West Texas Conferences, from Hallettsville Circuit Quarterly Conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

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and
petitions.

A memorial from the Sunday-school Board. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A petition from Healing Springs Circuit of the Western North Carolina Conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Memorial of the Theological Faculty of Vanderbilt University concerning closer affiliation of the Biblical Department with the Church. Referred to the Committee on Education.

A memorial from same concerning the Course of Study. Referred to the Committee on Education.

Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, presented a memorial from the Book Committee. Referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

The Secretary presented a memorial from the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University. Referred to the Committee on Education.

H. C. Morrison rose to a question of privilege, and asked that the Louisville Conference delegates be allowed to change their seats.

Morrison's
question
of privilege.

C. G. Andrews, of the Mississippi Conference, moved that the request be granted; and the motion prevailed.

Granted.

C. C. Woods, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, rose to a question of privilege with a similar request, and moved that the whole matter of seating the delegates be referred to a special committee of five to act in conjunction with the Local Committee.

Wood's
motion.

H. C. Morrison, of the Louisville Conference, withdrew his request.

Morrison's
with-
drawal.

E. A. Yates, of the North Carolina Conference, offered as an amendment that the committee, in connection with the permanent Committee of Arrangements, be requested to get some church or hall that will hold two hundred and seventy-two delegates.

Yates's
amend-
ment.

Anson West, of the North Alabama Conference, moved that the motion be indefinitely postponed.

West's
motion.

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The vote was taken, and the Conference refused to indefinitely postpone.

Collier's
motion
prevails.

W. J. Collier, of the Tennessee Conference, rose to a point of order that his motion to table the amendment was duly seconded and had not been put.

The motion to table was put and adopted.

Ward's point
of order.

Seth Ward, of the Texas Conference, rose to a point of order that the vote laying the amendment on the table carries the whole question to the table.

Not sus-
tained.

The Bishop ruled that the uniform usage of the General Conference is to allow amendments to be laid on the table without carrying the principal motion.

Magruder's
announce-
ment.

Robert Magruder, on behalf of the Local Committee, stated that the Local Committee would attend to the whole matter by Monday.

Pritchett's
motion
prevails.

J. H. Pritchett, of the Missouri Conference, moved that the motion of C. C. Woods be laid on the table; and his motion was adopted.

Report of
Sunday-
school
Editor.

The Secretary presented the report of the Sunday-school Editor to the General Conference, which was referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Report of
Epworth
League
Secretary.

J. W. Newman, of the North Alabama Conference, presented the report of the Epworth League Secretary. The report was referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

Resolutions.

The roll of Conferences was then called for resolutions, and the following were presented:

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.—A resolution on the membership of a traveling preacher's family. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A resolution seeking to locate jurisdiction in case of the trial of preachers. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.—A resolution in regard to local preachers. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Report No. 1
of Commit-
tee on Fra-
ternal Del-
egates, etc.

W. B. Murrah, of the North Mississippi Conference, asked unanimous consent to suspend the rules, that he might present the report of the Committee on Fraternal Delegates and Correspondence.

The request was granted, and the Secretary read the following: MAY 7.
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COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DELEGATES AND CORRESPONDENCE, REPORT NO. 1.

Your Committee on Fraternal Delegates and Correspondence recommend herewith that Wednesday evening, May 11th, at 8 o'clock, be designated as the time to hear the messages of the Fraternal Delegates of the Wesleyan Conference in England, and of the Methodist Church in Canada; and that Wednesday evening, May 18th, at the same hour, be fixed as the time to hear from the representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

W. B. MURRAH, *Chairman.*

The Bishop introduced to the General Conference Dr. W. S. Griffin, Fraternal Messenger from the Methodist Church in Canada. Dr. Griffin
intro-
duced.

D. C. Kelley, of the Tennessee Conference, moved the adoption of the committee's report, and the motion prevailed. Report
adopted.

The Secretary proceeded with the call of the roll of Conferences for resolutions, and the following were presented: Resolutions
resumed.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A resolution referring to ¶ 120 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—A resolution on Epworth Leagues, from W. K. Piner and T. J. Williams. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—A resolution on preachers' license, from G. W. Wilson and W. A. Freeman. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A resolution on licensing preachers and recommending for orders. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—A resolution to change ¶ 330 and ¶ 331, pages 141 and 142 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A resolution to change ¶ 100, page 59 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning fraternal greetings to the Southern Baptist Convention, as follows: Fraternal
greetings
to South-
ern Bap-
tist Con-
vention.

Resolved, That the Committee on Fraternal Delegates and

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Correspondence be instructed to send brotherly greetings from this General Conference to the Southern Baptist Convention, now in session in Norfolk, Va.

F. D. SWINDELL,

T. N. IVEY,

J. C. KILGO.

The resolution was adopted.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—A resolution on support of Presiding Elders. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A resolution to amend Chapter II., Section V., ¶ 5 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A resolution to amend Chapter VII., Section V., from J. W. Humbert and S. A. Weber. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—Resolutions of C. E. Dowman and N. P. Banks, concerning the trial of a local preacher. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A resolution in reference to the passing of character of local preachers, by C. E. Dowman and N. P. Banks. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—A resolution from W. J. Collier and H. B. Reams. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Another resolution by the same. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.—A resolution for the Committee on Publishing Interests, from the members of the Western Conference delegation.

A resolution from members of the Western Conference delegation. Referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Report of
Commission
on Articles
of Religion.

Bishop Hendrix presented the printed report of the Commission on the Text of the Articles of Religion, which was read by the Secretary and distributed to the members.

Lovejoy's
motion
prevails.

W. P. Lovejoy, of the North Georgia Conference, moved that the consideration of this report be made the special order for Monday morning, directly after the completion of the regular calls; and the motion prevailed.

The following resolution was adopted:

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Resolved, That we have heard with pain of the bereavement of Dr. Paul Whitehead, an honored member of this body, by the death of his only son; that we express to him and his stricken family our heartfelt sympathy, and that we invoke the consolation of the Spirit in their behalf.

Resolution of sympathy with Dr. Whitehead.

W. A. CANDLER,
C. G. ANDREWS.

The Bishop announced the special committees on Bible Cause and Sabbath Observance as follows:

Special committees appointed.

BIBLE CAUSE.—John D. Hammond, F. H. S. Johnston, J. D. Clary, E. B. Chappell, John L. Wheat, E. B. Chraighead, John N. Pharr, W. S. Johnson, L. S. Woods.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—James H. Carlisle, John W. Boswell, S. M. Hosmer, John L. Day, James C. Shelton, R. S. Paulett, John L. Nelson, I. S. Ashburn, A. L. Malone.

The following additional changes on the standing committees were announced:

Changes on standing committees.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—T. B. King was placed on the Committee on Missions, and R. H. Mahon on the Committee on Colportage.

LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.—J. J. N. Kenney was changed to the Committee on Revisals from that on Sunday Schools, and Ulrich Knoch to Sunday Schools from Revisals.

D. C. Kelley, of the Tennessee Conference, announced the presence of E. W. Cole, lay delegate from that Conference, and he was recognized and seated.

E. W. Cole seated.

On motion the Conference adjourned. The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Griffin.

Adjournment.

FOURTH DAY, MONDAY, MAY 9, 1898.

The Conference met at the usual hour, Bishop Granger in the chair.

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The religious service was conducted by J. W. Hinton, of the South Georgia Conference.

Conference meets. Religious service.

The roll was called for delegates and for alternates to take the place of absent principals.

Roll call.

J. L. Holmes, lay alternate from the St. Louis Conference, *vice* J. L. Carlisle, was recognized and seated.

J. L. Holmes seated.

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Minutes ap-
proved.
Secretary
Com. on
Sunday
Schools.

Bp. Hargrove
presides.

Magruder's
announc-
ments.

Changes on
standing
committees.

Committee on
Colportage.

Reports of
standing
committees.

Committee on
Rules, Re-
port No. 1.

The minutes of the session of Saturday were read, corrected, and approved.

The name of J. H. Hinemon was reported by the Chairman of the Committee on Sunday Schools as its Secretary.

Bishop Hargrove took the chair.

Robert Magruder, Chairman of the Local Committee on Entertainment, made announcements.

A. E. Rector, of the German Mission Conference, was reported as taking the place of L. Pietzsch on the Committee on Itinerancy, and L. Pietzsch as taking the place of A. E. Rector on the Committee on Sunday Schools.

T. del Valle, of the Mexican Border Mission Conference, was placed on the Committee on Appeals instead of B. G. Marsh.

The report of the organization of the Committee on Colportage was presented as follows: W. C. Black, Chairman; L. J. Williams, Secretary.

The call was made for the reports of standing committees.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Boundaries was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Epworth League was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Rules was presented, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORDER, REPORT NO. 1.

We recommend that the Rules of Order of the General Conference of 1894 be adopted.

The General Conference referred to us certain proposed amendments, as follows:

Amendment to Rule 1. To change the hours of meeting and adjournment from 9 A.M. and 1 P.M. to 9:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. Signed: C. W. White, J. D. Barbee.

Substitute for Rule 7. To require all papers to go before committees to be in duplicate, one copy of which is to be delivered by the Secretary to the designated committee, and to require certain matters to be indorsed on the back of each paper before it shall be received by the Secretary. Signed: John Anderson, R. H. Cooper.

Amendment to Rule 10. Insert in Rule 10, Item (2), "The pending question," and change the numbers of the subsequent items to correspond.

The committee recommend that the General Conference do not concur in these amendments. **MAY 9.**
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R. N. SLEDD, *Secretary.*

W. W. Smith, of the Virginia Conference, moved that that part of the report referring to the pending question be recommitted; and the motion prevailed. The remainder of the report was adopted.

Item recommended.

Report adopted.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Fraternal Delegates and Fraternal Correspondence was read and adopted, as follows:

Committee on Fraternal Delegates, etc., Report No. 2 adopted.

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DELEGATES AND CORRESPONDENCE, REPORT NO. 2.

Your committee sent the following telegram of greeting to the Southern Baptist Convention in session at Norfolk, Va.:

"We give you greeting in the name of our common Lord. 2 Thessalonians, chapter ii., verses 16 and 17.

"GENERAL CONFERENCE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,

"BY W. B. MURRAH,

"*Chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.*"

E. E. Hoss, of the Holston Conference, offered the following resolution, and it was unanimously adopted:

Resolution of sympathy with Dr. Davison adopted.

Resolved, That we have heard with great pain of the sickness of the Rev. W. T. Davison, D.D., Fraternal Delegate from the British Wesleyan Church, and that we express to him our deep sympathy, and our sincere hope that he may have a speedy and permanent recovery.

A communication from A. S. Hunt, Corresponding Secretary of the American Bible Society, was read and referred to the Committee on Bible Cause.

Communication from American Bible Society.

J. B. Humbert, of the South Carolina Conference, was placed on the Committee on Boundaries, instead of J. A. Clifton, who was relieved.

Change on standing committees.

The call for appeals, memorials, and petitions was made, and the following were presented:

Appeals, memorials, and petitions.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—A memorial touching the appointment of Presiding Elders. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

A memorial touching the trial of traveling preachers. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.—A memorial touching superannuated preachers. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

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memorials,
and
petitions.

LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.—A memorial relative to change of plan for electing stewards. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial relative to change of boundaries of the Los Angeles Conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

A memorial to amend ¶ 77 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.—A memorial from Patterson Quarterly Conference. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—A petition, signed by R. H. Mahon and A. W. Newsom, touching the number of appointments of Presiding Elders. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

A memorial amending ¶ 131 of the Book of Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—A memorial from Fayette District Conference to amend ¶ 138, Section IV., of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial to amend the Discipline regarding the children. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial from Columbia Station. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A second memorial from Columbia Station. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A third memorial from Columbia Station. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial from Plattsburg District concerning Epworth Leagues. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A memorial from the Birmingham District Preachers' Meeting regarding Epworth Leagues. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

A petition from the Epworth League Board concerning Church papers. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

A petition, signed by J. W. Newman and others, concerning local preachers. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial regarding the trial of a traveling preacher. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

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A memorial regarding the trial of a local preacher. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

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memorials,
and
petitions.

A memorial regarding the appeals of traveling and local preachers. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—A petition to change Questions 16 and 18, ¶ 87, page 49, of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A memorial from J. I. Beasley and others on assessments of Presiding Elders. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

A memorial from W. L. Wait touching the changing of the method of fixing preachers' salaries. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—A memorial touching the relation of the Epworth League and Sunday schools. Referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

A memorial from the Franklin District Conference concerning ¶ 44 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial touching a change of the boundaries of the Virginia Conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

An appeal in the matter of M. S. Watts. Referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A memorial touching changes in the Virginia Conference boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

A memorial from the Church Extension Board proposing sundry changes in the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

On the call for resolutions the following were presented:

Resolutions.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.—A resolution was presented, signed by P. H. Whisner, J. S. Hutchinson, and Collins Denny, regarding a change of ¶ 176 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—A resolution to elect stew-

MAY 9. ards by the Church Conference. Referred to the Com-
FOURTH DAY. mittee on Itinerancy.
 Resolutions.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—A resolution, signed by J. E. Wright, George W. Young, and others, proposing to change ¶ 122, Chapter III., Section IV., of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A resolution, signed by J. W. Newman, regarding Epworth Leagues. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A resolution, signed by E. A. Yates and John C. Kilgo, touching the order of business of the District Conference. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

A resolution, signed by F. D. Swindell and E. A. Yates, proposing the change of ¶ 87 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A resolution, signed by George E. Prince and J. B. Humbert, amending ¶ 196, Section XVI., of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution, signed by J. B. McGehee and M. C. Austin, touching the licensing of preachers. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

A resolution, signed by J. B. McGehee and M. C. Austin, touching Examining Committees. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

A resolution, signed by C. E. Dowman and George G. N. MacDonell, regarding the District Conference. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A resolution, signed by J. B. McGehee and M. C. Austin, concerning the privileges of the Annual Conference. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning endowments. Referred to the Committee on Education.

A resolution proposing to amend ¶ 190, ¶ 193, and ¶ 195 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A resolution concerning the trial of Bishops and Presiding Elders. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A resolution proposing to change ¶ 105, ¶ 117, ¶ 124, ¶ 126, and ¶ 129 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

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TEXAS CONFERENCE. — Resolutions proposing to change the boundaries between the Texas and North-west Texas Conferences. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

A resolution concerning the amendment of ¶ 216, pages 97-99, of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Temperance.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE. — A resolution proposing to change the boundaries between the Virginia and North Carolina Conferences. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

A resolution proposing to change the boundaries between the Virginia and North Carolina Conferences. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE. — A resolution proposing to change the boundaries between the Western Virginia, the Holston, and the Baltimore Conferences. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolution of thanks adopted.

Resolved, That we are profoundly impressed with the continued efforts of the Local Committee on Entertainment to provide for the comfort of the General Conference, and that we hereby tender to them our grateful appreciation.

C. G. ANDREWS,
W. C. BLACK.

The following resolution was offered by John Anderson and E. B. Craighead:

Resolution of Anderson and Craighead.

Resolved, That all memorials and all resolutions and miscellaneous papers not presented for immediate consideration shall be placed in the hands of the Secretary without announcement.

On motion, the resolution was laid on the table.

C. W. White of the Florida Conference offered a resolution to amend Rule 6, and moved that the rule referring resolutions to committee be suspended in order that the resolution might be put upon its passage.

Laid on the table.
White's motion to suspend laid on the table.

The motion to suspend was laid on the table, and the resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules.

His resolution referred.

The following resolution, offered by J. A. Rice and S. A. Weber, was unanimously adopted:

Rice and Weber's resolution adopted.

MAY 9. *Resolved,* That our Secretary convey the greetings of this
FOURTH DAY. General Conference to the General Conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America, now in session in Columbia, S. C.

Report of Bishop J. C. Granbery presented to the Conference
Commission the report of the Commission on Federation, as follows :
on Federa-
tion.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The Committee on Federation, appointed by the last General Conference, presents as its report a printed copy of the Minutes of the Joint Commission on Federation between the two Methodist Episcopal Churches. We would only add that the sessions of the Joint Commission were marked by the utmost harmony and brotherly love.

J. C. GRANBERY, *Chairman.*

E. E. HOSS, *Secretary.*

Wright's
motion.

J. E. Wright, of the Kentucky Conference, moved that a special committee, consisting of one member from each delegation, be appointed, to whom this report should be referred.

Withdrawn.

The motion was afterwards withdrawn.

Mahon's
motion
prevails.

R. H. Mahon, of the Memphis Conference, moved that the report lie on the table; and the motion prevailed.

Order of the
day.

The order of the day, the consideration of the report of the Commission on the Articles of Religion, having arrived, W. P. Lovejoy, of the North Georgia Conference, moved that the report be adopted.

Lovejoy's
motion.

Andrews's
substitute.

C. G. Andrews, of the Mississippi Conference, moved as a substitute that the report be read and acted on item by item.

Brown's mo-
tion to
postpone.

A. G. Brown, of the Virginia Conference, moved that the consideration of the report be postponed until Wednesday, May 11.

Previous
question
ordered.

J. H. Pritchett, of the Missouri Conference, moved the previous question, and the motion prevailed.

Brown's
motion
prevails.

The motion to postpone until Wednesday was then carried. A count was called for, and one hundred and forty-nine members voted for postponement.

Hammond's
motion lost.

J. D. Hammond, of the North Georgia Conference, moved that Collins Denny be heard in explanation of the changes reported in the text of the Articles of Religion. The motion was lost.

The following resolution, providing for the appointment of a commission to define the Constitution of the Church, was offered by D. C. Kelley, James A. Anderson, and J. P. Strother:

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Resolution
for ap-
pointment
of Com-
mission on
the Con-
stitution.

Whereas serious differences of opinion now exist as to what is the Constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and whereas it is highly important that all doubts upon the subject be removed, and at a time when there is no controversy pending that might prevent an unprejudiced investigation and settlement of the question; therefore,

Resolved, That this General Conference elect a commission, consisting of three elders and three laymen, to which the College of Bishops are requested to add one of their number, whose duty it shall be to ascertain and report to the next session of the General Conference what is the Constitution of the Church; and also, separately, such amendments as they may recommend, to render it certain and symmetrical in form and substance, in order that the next General Conference may, if it see fit, send the same around to the several Annual Conferences for ratification and adoption.

D. C. KELLEY,
JAMES A. ANDERSON,
J. P. STROTHER.

J. J. Tigert, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Tigert's
motion.

J. O. Keener, of the Alabama Conference, moved to lay the whole matter on the table. The motion was lost.

Keener's
motion
lost.

The motion of J. J. Tigert to refer to the Committee on Itinerancy prevailed.

Tigert's
motion
prevails.

J. N. Holmes, of the St. Louis Conference, was appointed in place of J. L. Carlisle on all standing committees.

Change on
standing
commit-
tees.

D. C. Kelley, of the Tennessee Conference, moved to reconsider the motion declining to hear Collins Denny. The motion prevailed, and Collins Denny made his statement.

Collins Den-
ny heard.

On motion of J. A. Anderson, the Conference adjourned. The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Fitzgerald.

Adjourn-
ment.

FIFTH DAY, TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1898.**MAY 10.**
FIFTH DAY.Conference
meets.
Religious
service.Roll call sus-
pended.Minutes
approved.Bp. Duncan
presides.Telegram
from Ep-
worth
League of
Kentucky
Conference.Changes on
standing
committees.D. W. Carter
honored.Committee on
Episcopacy,
Report No.
1 adopted.

Conference met at the usual hour, Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

The religious service was conducted by E. A. Yates, of the North Carolina Conference.

On motion of the Secretary, the further calling of the roll was dispensed with, and the chairmen of delegations were instructed to report the arrival of delegates and the substitution of alternates.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected, and approved.

Bishop Duncan took the chair.

The Secretary read a telegram from the Epworth League of the Kentucky Conference, which, on motion of W. F. Glenn, of the North Georgia Conference, was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence for appropriate response.

The following changes on the standing committees were announced:

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—James F. Browinski *vice* J. E. Wright on the Committee on Church Extension.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—L. B. Haines *vice* R. L. Coleman on the Committee on Finance.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.—J. H. Riggins *vice* J. R. Moore on the Committee on Appeals.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.—C. A. Fulwood changed from the Committee on Missions to the Committee on Sunday Schools; C. T. Carroll from the Committee on Sunday Schools to the Committee on Missions; J. C. Sale from the Committee on Boundaries to the Committee on Education; C. A. Saunders from the Committee on Education to the Committee on Boundaries.

D. W. Carter, of the Mexican Border Mission Conference, was invited to a seat with the Mexican Border Mission delegation.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Episcopacy was read, and on motion the rules were suspended, and by rising vote it was adopted unanimously, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY, REPORT NO. 1.

The General Conference has heard, with deep emotion, the address of our beloved senior bishop, John Christian Keener,

and desires to make some record of its appreciation of his high character and long service. MAY 10.
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It could not but be that a man of such pronounced strength at so many points would be placed in positions of great trust and usefulness. We gratefully make record that in all these positions Bishop Keener has shown sincere love for the Church, and undoubted purpose to seek what he believed to be for the best interests of the cause of God, and rare energy and perseverance in carrying out those purposes.

For the long period of twenty-eight years he has borne the burdens of the episcopal office, and for the past nine years has been the senior bishop. He has discharged the weighty and delicate duties of his office faithfully, trying to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church.

He has seen our beloved Methodism broken and scattered by the terrible war which devastated our land and swept from us many who, trained at our altars, would have taken up and carried forward the work God has committed to us. Spared to see the return of peace, called to a prominent position of leadership, he has seen the unprecedented prosperity with which our Lord has blessed us, and has rejoiced in the abiding presence of the Spirit of God upon the increasing hosts of our Methodism. In accomplishing this result, wonderful in our eyes, God has used him doubtless in more ways than we can appreciate, and we are thankful to our God for a man so pure in life, so high in purpose, so untiring in work.

Now that increasing years and infirmities compel him to ask for relief from the burdens he has so long borne, we assure him not only of the appreciation of the Church to which he so unreservedly gave himself, but also of the great affection of those with whom and for whom it has been his privilege to labor.

We pray that our Heavenly Father may long spare his aged servant to bless the Church with his presence, interest, and love; and that grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour may be multiplied unto him.

Resolved, 1. We have had under review the character and administration of Bishop J. C. Keener, and the same have been approved.

Resolved, 2. We recommend that Bishop Keener be released from official duties, assuring him that such work as his strength may enable him to perform will be greatly appreciated by our whole Church.

J. H. PRITCHETT, *Chairman*.

W. L. NELMS, *Secretary*.

Report No. 1, of the Committee on Revisals was read, and passed to the calendar under the rule. Reports of
standing
commit-
tees.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Publishing Inter-

MAY 10. ests was read, and passed to the calendar under the
FIFTH DAY. rule.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Missions was read, and passed to the calendar under the rule.

Report of
 Committee
 on Distribu-
 tion of Epis-
 copal Ad-
 dress
 adopted.

On the call for special committees, the report of the Committee on the Distribution of the Episcopal Address was read, and, on motion of Gross Alexander, of the Louisville Conference, the rule was suspended and the report adopted, as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION OF EPISCOPAL ADDRESS.

The Committee on the Distribution of the Episcopal Address respectfully recommend that the various sections thereof be distributed to the regular standing committees of the Conference, and to two special committees, as follows: So much of the address as refers to bequests and donations to a special committee of five members; the subject of Federation to a special committee of five; the section on Sunday schools to the standing committee on Sunday schools; and the section on Epworth Leagues to the standing committee on Epworth League. So much as refers to the subject of Missions, including the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Scarritt Bible and Training School, to the standing committee on Missions; matters relating to Education, including the colored people and Vanderbilt University, to the Committee on Education; matters relating to Church Extension, including the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society, to the Committee on Church Extension; matters relating to Conference organizations and to local preachers, to the Committee on Itinerancy; matters relating to the election of lay delegates to the District Conferences, to the Committee on Revisals; matters relating to our publishing interests, to the Committee on Publishing Interests; and the section on Bishops, to the Committee on Episcopacy.

Respectfully submitted:

A. G. BROWN, *Chairman.*

Tigert's
 motion
 adopted.

On motion of J. J. Tigert, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, the report of the Commission on Federation was taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on Federation, ordered to be appointed by the adoption of the report of the Committee on the Distribution of the Episcopal Address.

Report of
 Committee
 on General
 Conference
 Entertainment
 adopted.

The report of the Committee on General Conference Entertainment was read, and, on motion of A. G. Brown, Chairman, the rules were suspended and the report was adopted, as follows :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL CONFERENCE
ENTERTAINMENT.MAY 10.
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Dear Fathers and Brethren: The Committee of Arrangements for the General Conference of 1898 met, according to appointment, in the Publishing House, at Nashville, Tenn., May 2, 1895, every member being present. The first question in order, viz., "Where shall the next session of the General Conference be held?" was taken up and duly considered. Invitations were received from a number of the chief cities of the South and West, all wishing the honor of entertaining your venerable body, and every one tendering generous and cordial hospitality. Asheville, N. C., was eloquently represented by James Atkins, D.D.; Dallas, Texas, by B. M. Burgher and S. A. Steel, D.D.; Knoxville, Tenn., by Drs. Richardson and Hoss, and Brothers Carpenter, Chapman, and others; Baltimore, Md., by Robert Magruder and Collins Denny, D.D.; Norfolk, Va., Savannah, Ga., and Nashville, Tenn., by letters addressed to the chairman of the committee; and San Francisco, Cal., Atlanta, Ga., Birmingham, Ala., and Maysville, Ky., by communications of record on the Journal of the General Conference of 1894, at Memphis, Tenn.

After a careful canvass of all the facts and suggestions elicited in a somewhat lengthy discussion of the subject, the city of Baltimore, Md., was selected by the unanimous vote of your committee as the seat of the Thirteenth Session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Robert Magruder, a member of the committee and resident in the city of Baltimore, was authorized and requested to organize a Local Committee on Entertainment, whose duty should be to select a suitable house for the session, to provide committee rooms, to engage board for delegates and visitors, to assign them their homes, and to make such other arrangements as might contribute to the comfort and convenience of the Conference. How faithfully and efficiently Brother Magruder and those of our Baltimore brethren, lay and clerical, associated with him in this work, have executed their difficult and delicate task need not be mentioned in this paper. The appreciative members of the body, and our grateful visitors as well, have not failed to observe with what thoughtful and painstaking care and assiduity this courteous hospitality has abounded toward us all. At the proper time the Conference will doubtless make thankful acknowledgment.

A sub-committee on transportation, consisting of Robert Magruder, T. M. Finney, B. M. Burgher, and H. Y. McCord, was appointed to obtain from the railroads and other public carriers the lowest rates of round-trip fares for members of Conference and for visitors in attendance on this session of the body; and we are happy to say that, in response to their wise

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and skillful solicitation, the courtesy of half-rates, or of one fare for the round trip, was promptly and cheerfully accorded by the several railroad systems traversing the wide domain of Southern Methodism in America. This courteous concession to our Conference is not only a great convenience and a pecuniary consideration of considerable value, but it is a just and generous recognition of the Church of God which you so worthily represent, and to whose mission of mercy and benediction to mankind you are sacredly committed.

The assessments on the Annual Conferences for General Conference expenses aggregate the sum of \$29,784, and the same was apportioned to the Annual Conferences severally on the basis of the assessments for foreign missions. The Joint Boards of Finance were duly notified of the amount each Conference was expected to raise; and they were earnestly requested to make the apportionments to the Presiding Elders' Districts for collection early in the quadrennium. The results of these collections, despite the financial stringency in these extraordinary times, are highly gratifying, and we are happy to assure the Conference that the money already in the hands of the treasurers, Messrs. Barbee and Smith, is amply sufficient to defray the expenses of the session. We would recommend, therefore, that the necessary traveling expenses of the delegates be promptly paid; and that the bills for board and incidental expenses, when approved by the Local Committee on Entertainment, shall be paid in full. We would also recommend that the treasurers shall make to your committee an itemized report of their receipts and disbursements of the General Conference Entertainment Fund, with vouchers; which report, when approved, shall be published in the columns of our Church organ, the *Christian Advocate*, and printed in the *Journal of the General Conference*. And your committee would further recommend that all money in the hands of the treasurers, *ad interim*, whether from balances brought over or from remittances during the quadrennium, shall by them be safely loaned, or deposited, at interest, subject to the approval of the General Book Committee; and shall so remain until needed for the purposes for which it was contributed.

ALEXANDER G. BROWN, *Chairman*.

B. M. BURGHER, *Secretary*.

THOMAS M. FINNEY.

Committee on Rules,
Report No. 2 adopted.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Rules was read, and, on motion of J. M. Mason, Chairman, the rule was suspended and the report adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORDER, REPORT NO. 2

The committee has had under consideration the amendment

to Rule 10, proposed by W. W. Smith and J. Powell Garland: **MAY 10.**
To insert in Rule 10, item (2), "The pending question," so that **FIFTH DAY.**
as amended, Rule 10 will read:

Rule 10. In the disposition of matter before the Conference, the following motions shall have precedence :

- (1) Lie on the table.
- (2) The pending question.
- (3) The previous question.
- (4) Postpone to definite time.
- (5) Commit.
- (6) Amend.
- (7) Substitute.
- (8) Indefinite postponement.
- (9) It shall be in order to offer an amendment to an amendment, and one amendment to a substitute. Should a motion assume this shape, the order of voting shall be as follows :

- (a) On the amendment to the amendment;
- (b) On the amendment, thus perfecting the main question;
- (c) On the amendment to the substitute;
- (d) On the substitute;
- (e) On the main question.

We recommend that the Conference concur in the amendment.

J. M. MASON, *Chairman.*

R. N. SLEDD, *Secretary.*

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Reception of Fraternal Delegates and Fraternal Correspondence was read, and, on motion of W. B. Murrah, Chairman, the rule was suspended and the report adopted, as follows :

Committee on Reception of Fraternal Delegates, etc., Report No. 3 adopted.

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DELEGATES AND CORRESPONDENCE, REPORT NO. 3.

We have had before us the report of Dr. J. C. Morris, our honored representative and Fraternal Messenger to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

We recommend that the report be received and spread upon the Journal of the Conference. W. B. MURRAH, *Chairman.*

[See above, pages 47-49.]

The Chair announced the appointment of John A. Rice, of the South Carolina Conference, as Fraternal Delegate of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to the General Conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America, in session at Columbia, S. C.

John A. Rice appointed Fraternal Delegate to the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.

J. O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference, moved the confirmation of the appointment by the General Conference, and the motion prevailed. Confirmed.

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Organization
of Commit-
tee on Bible
Cause.

Committee
on Bible
Cause, Re-
port No. 1
adopted.

The Committee on Bible Cause reported their organization as follows: J. D. Hammond, Chairman; J. D. Clary, Secretary.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Bible Cause was read, and, on motion of J. D. Hammond, Chairman, the rule was suspended and the report adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE, REPORT NO. 1.

Your Committee on Bible Cause have had referred to them a letter from the Rev. A. S. Hunt, D.D., Corresponding Secretary of the American Bible Society. From this letter we are glad to learn that Dr. Hunt expects to be in Baltimore during the session of the General Conference.

We recommend that the Secretary of the General Conference be requested to reply to the letter of Dr. Hunt, expressing our continued interest in the cause which he represents, and extending to him a cordial invitation to address the Conference while in the city.

J. D. HAMMOND, *Chairman*.

J. D. CLARY, *Secretary*.

Communica-
tion from
Bp. Stevens.

The chair presented a paper from P. F. Stevens, Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church, concerning Sabbath observance, which was read by the Secretary, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Sabbath Observance.

Report of the
Board of
Missions.

H. C. Morrison, of the Louisville Conference, presented the Quadrennial Report of the Board of Missions, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Missions.

Report of the
Board of
Church
Extension.

John L. Wheat, of the Louisville Conference, submitted the Quadrennial Report of the Board of Church Extension, and, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

Resolution of
sympathy.

The following resolution of sympathy was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Whereas the members of the Little Rock delegation have heard with pain of the serious illness of Dr. R. N. Ross, who for many years has been a useful local preacher and a tower of strength in his home Church, and who is a lay delegate to this body; therefore,

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with him in his affliction, which prevents him from being with us to take part with us in the deliberations of this General Conference, and that we give him and his family assurance of our prayers and sympa-

thy, and that we indulge the hope that he may be spared to be with us before our session closes. **MAY 10.**
ANDREW HUNTER, **FIFTH DAY.**

On behalf of the Little Rock Delegation.

The roll of the Conferences was called for appeals, memorials, and petitions, and the following were introduced: Appeals,
memorials,
and
petitions.

COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial to amend ¶ 438 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning the boundary of the Holston Conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—A memorial on the support of supernumerary and superannuated preachers. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—A memorial on Church papers. Referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

A memorial on order of business in District Conferences. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—A memorial on election of stewards. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial on Children's Day collections. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial to add Quarterly Conference question. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—A memorial on the distribution of Conference funds. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial on church insurance. Referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A memorial on change of boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial to revise ¶ 202, ¶ 203, and ¶ 204 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial to change ¶ 249 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

A communication from the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America on education was introduced,

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Appeals,
 memorials,
 and
 petitions.

A memorial from the Texas State Epworth League Convention was introduced, and referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.—A memorial in reference to parsonage property. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—A memorial on the change of the name of the Church. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial on superannuated preachers. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—A memorial on historical museums. Referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial for change of boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—A communication on a bequest to Huntington Church. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.—A memorial to establish a school of high grade for women. Referred to the Committee on Education.

A memorial from the Board of Missions in regard to Western work. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

Resolutions.

The roll of the Conferences was called for resolutions, and the following were introduced :

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—To amend ¶ 87 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A resolution, signed by T. P. Smith, J. H. McLean, and John Adams, on the address of Bishop Keener. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.—To change ¶ 87 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

On a new question in the business of an Annual Conference. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—A resolution on the trial of a preacher or member. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—On a form of Church Register. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

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Resolutions.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—To amend ¶ 89 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

To amend ¶ 69 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.—A resolution, signed by J. C. Simmons and J. J. Tigert, requesting the Bishops to revise the Manual of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—To amend ¶ 223 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution, signed by W. W. Smith and others, to amend the Ritual. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A resolution, signed by J. P. Garland and W. E. Edwards, to give the President of District Conferences authority to decide questions of law. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A resolution, signed by Paul Whitehead and A. G. Brown, on episcopal decisions in case of appeals. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

A resolution, signed by J. A. Anderson and E. A. Yates, in regard to worldly amusements. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

J. H. Young, chairman of the Committee on Public Worship, announced appointments as follows: Preaching by W. B. Murrah, at the Armory, at 8 P.M. to-day, and prayer meeting at 8 A.M. to-morrow, conducted by W. B. Palmore.

Committee
on Public
Worship
reports.

A resolution, signed by J. B. McGehee and others, was introduced, calling for a special committee of fifteen to inquire concerning the present availability of the \$288,000 paid by the United States Government to the Publishing House.

Resolution
for special
committee
intro-
duced.

J. W. Boswell, of the North Mississippi Conference, moved as a substitute that the resolution of inquiry be referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Boswell's
motion to
refer.

J. E. Wright, of the Kentucky Conference, moved to

Wright's mo-
tion to
table lost.

MAY 10. lay the motion of J. W. Boswell on the table, which
FIFTH DAY. did not prevail.

Boswell's
 motion
 prevails.

Y. J. Allen in-
 vited to ad-
 dress the
 General
 Conference.

The motion of J. W. Boswell prevailed.

A resolution requesting Dr. Young J. Allen to deliver one or more lectures or addresses on missions in China, during the sessions, was introduced, and, on motion of W. A. Candler, of the North Georgia Conference, the resolution was adopted, and its execution referred to the Committee on Public Worship.

The calendar was taken up.

Committee on
 Boundaries,
 Report No. 1
 adopted.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Boundaries was read, and, on motion of C. G. Andrews, of the Mississippi Conference, was adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES, REPORT NO. 1.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Your Committee on Boundaries respectfully submit the following:

1. We recommend nonconcurrence in the memorial from the Arkansas Conference, to change the boundary line between the Arkansas and White River Conferences, so as to restore all of Stone county to the Arkansas Conference.

2. We recommend that the memorial from the Arkansas Conference, requesting from the Southwest Missouri Conference the territory south of White River in the State of Missouri, be not granted.

3. We recommend not granting the memorial from the Little Rock Conference, praying that the city of Texarkana be transferred from the East Texas to the Little Rock Conference.

4. We recommend that the memorial from the Hallettsville Quarterly Conference, Cuero District, West Texas Conference, requesting the transfer of Oakland appointment from Weimar Circuit, Austin District, Texas Conference, to the West Texas Conference, be granted, and that ¶ 491 of the Discipline, page 278, be so altered that the words "including Oakland appointment in Colorado county" shall follow the word "Texas," reading as amended, "Texas, including Oakland appointment in Colorado county," etc.

5. We respectfully beg to be allowed to return to the Conference a paper referred to us on the Bible cause.

C. G. ANDREWS, *Chairman.*

JNO. R. NELSON, *Secretary.*

Committee on
 Epworth
 League, Re-
 port No. 1.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Epworth League was read.

The following amendment to item 2 was offered :

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Strike out in item 2 all provision for separate Editor of the Epworth League, and insert "nonconcurrence."

Willson's
amend-
ment.

JOHN O. WILLSON,
JOHN L. WHEAT.

The following amendment to the amendment was offered :

Kelley's
amend-
ment to the
amend-
ment.

That we combine all the young people's papers into one, and elect one Editor who will give his whole time to the work.

D. C. KELLEY,
W. C. BLACK.

While this report and the amendments were pending, James Campbell, of the Northwest Texas Conference, moved that we do now adjourn, and the motion prevailed.

Adjourn-
ment.

The doxology was sung, and Bishop Duncan pronounced the benediction.

SIXTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1898.

Conference met at the usual hour, Bishop Duncan in the chair, and was opened with religious service, conducted by J. D. Barbee, of the Tennessee Conference.

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The minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected, and approved.

Conference
meets.
Religious
service.
Minutes
approved.
Bp. Gallo-
way pre-
sides.

Bishop Galloway took the chair.

The following special committees ordered yesterday were announced by Bishop Duncan :

Special com-
mittees
appointed.

ON FEDERATION.—P. H. Whisner, W. B. Murrah, J. M. Mason, James H. Carlisle, R. S. Hyer.

ON BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS.—J. D. Hammond, E. B. Chappell, J. O. Branch, E. W. Cole, Asa Holt.

On motion, leave of absence was granted B. N. Duke, of the North Carolina Conference.

Duke grant-
ed leave of
absence.

Angel Blanco, clerical delegate from the Central Mexico Mission Conference, was recognized and seated.

Blanco
seated.

J. C. Kilgo announced W. R. Branson as the lay alternate to be seated in place of B. N. Duke, of the North Carolina Conference, and he was recognized, seated, and placed on the Committee on Publishing Interests.

W. R. Bran-
son, seated
and
assigned.

N. E. Harris, lay alternate of the South Georgia Conference, was recognized and seated in the place of S.

N. E. Harris
seated and
assigned.

MAY 11. B. Adams, and placed on the Committee on Epworth
SIXTH DAY. League instead of C. E. Dowman, and on the Committee on Rules instead of J. O. Branch.

J. M. Carmichael seated. J. M. Carmichael, lay delegate from the Alabama Conference, was recognized and seated.

J. T. Duncan seated. J. T. Duncan, lay alternate from the North Georgia Conference, was recognized and seated in the place of R. M. McIntosh.

Reports of standing committees. The Secretary called the roll of standing committees, and the following reports were introduced:

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Boundaries was read, and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Temperance was read, and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read, and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read, and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Finance was read, and placed on the calendar.

Committee on Finance, Report No. 2 adopted. Report No. 2 of the Committee on Finance was read, and, on motion of J. P. Strother, of the Pacific Conference, it was taken up out of its order and adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, REPORT NO. 2.

Your Committee on Finance have had under consideration the payment of board and traveling expenses of delegates to the General Conference, and beg leave to report that at ten o'clock this morning there was to the credit of the fund collected for that purpose in the hands of Barbee and Smith, treasurers of said fund, the sum of \$23,000; and we understand that the aggregate expense for delegates at Memphis, in 1894, was \$18,700 for sixteen days. In view of these facts, and the further fact that there were elected to this General Conference seventy-two delegates less in number than were elected to the General Conference of 1894, and notwithstanding the fact that the traveling expenses of delegates to this Conference may be somewhat larger (on account of location) in proportion to numbers as compared to the General Conference of 1894, your committee feel justified in recommending the adoption of the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, 1. That on condition that Conferences having raised an excess consent, we recommend that the actual expenses of all delegates be paid.

Resolved, 2. That the General Conference authorize the Book Agents, as treasurers of this fund, to pay to each delegate the amount of his traveling expenses. MAY 11.
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Resolved, 3. That the board bills of delegates be audited, and by the Book Agents paid out of said fund.

Respectfully submitted: E. W. COLE, *Chairman*.
J. D. CLARY, *Secretary*.

J. J. Tigert, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, moved that the Committee on the Distribution of the Episcopal Address be discharged, and the motion prevailed. Committee
on Distri-
bution of
Episcopal
Address.

The roll of the special committees was called, and Report No. 3 of the Committee on Rules was presented. On motion of J. M. Mason, Chairman, the report was taken up out of its order and adopted, as follows: Committee
on Rules,
Report No.
3 adopted.

COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORDER, REPORT NO. 3.

Your committee have duly considered the amendment to Rule 6, proposed by C. W. White and A. F. Watkins, as follows:

"Add to Rule 6 the following words: 'Every memorial and resolution shall show in its caption, and by indorsement upon its back, to what Conference the persons filing it belong.'"

We recommend that the General Conference do not concur.

J. M. MASON, *Chairman*.
R. N. SLEDD, *Secretary*.

The roll of the Conferences was called for appeals, memorials, and petitions, and the following were presented: Appeals,
memorials,
and
petitions.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.—A memorial asking for certain changes in the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Colportage.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A memorial in reference to the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society. Referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial regarding a financial register or steward's book. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A memorial regarding the boundary between the Northwest Texas and the Texas Conferences. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

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memorials,
and
petitions.

A memorial from the Board of Missions to change ¶ 247 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

A memorial from the Board of Missions to establish a publishing house in Shanghai, China. Referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

A memorial from the Board of Missions to change the Constitution of the Epworth League. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

A memorial from the Board of Missions concerning revisions in the Constitution of the Board. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

Resolutions.

The roll of the Conferences was called for resolutions, and the following were presented:

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A resolution proposing to amend ¶ 87 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

GERMAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—A resolution, signed by A. E. Rector, L. Pietzsch, and others, touching the publication of a Hymn Book and a Methodist History in the German language. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.—A resolution touching the amendment of ¶ 99 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A resolution, signed by Charles W. White and C. A. Saunders, touching a plan for insuring Church property. Referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.—A resolution, signed by C. W. Carter and J. N. Pharr, concerning the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Referred to the Committee on Temperance.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A resolution to expunge Question 4, page 50, of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution, signed by J. B. McGehee and C. M. Austin, in regard to the disposition of the Publishing House Fund. Referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution, signed by J.

P. Garland and A. E. Kellam, in reference to preachers on trial. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

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BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.—A resolution, signed by Collins Denny and P. H. Whisner, to amend ¶ 176 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A resolution, signed by Collins Denny and P. H. Whisner, to amend ¶ 174 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

R. H. Mahon, of the Memphis Conference, asked permission to withdraw a resolution to adopt a steward's collection book, referred to the Committee on Revisals, that it might be referred to the Committee on Finance, and permission was granted.

The order of the day, the report of the commission on the text of the Articles of Religion, was taken up.

Order of the day.

G. W. Hill, of the Arkansas Conference, moved the previous question, and the motion prevailed.

Previous question ordered.

P. H. Whisner, of the Baltimore Conference, moved that Bishop Hendrix, as Chairman of the commission, be heard.

Bp. Hendrix heard.

After remarks by Bishop Hendrix, the report of the commission was adopted. (See Appendix I., Reports of Commissions, Document A.)

Report of the commission adopted.

The consideration of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Epworth League, which was pending on adjournment yesterday, was resumed, and the question was on the adoption of the amendment to the amendment, as follows:

Report No. 1 of Committee on Epworth League taken up.

That we combine all of the young people's papers into one, and elect an Editor who will give his whole time to the work.

Kelley's amendment.

D. C. KELLEY,
W. C. BLACK.

R. H. Mahon rose to the point of order that the amendment to the amendment was not germane to the subject, and hence not in order. The Chair ruled the point well taken.

Mahon's point of order sustained.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the amendment of John O. Willson and John L. Wheat.

James M. Mason moved that the pending question be now put, and his motion prevailed.

Pending question ordered.

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The amendment prevailed by 136 votes for to 107 against, as follows:

Willson's
amendment
prevailed.

Strike out in item 2 all provision for separate Editor of the Epworth League, and insert "nonconcurrence."

JOHN O. WILLSON,
JOHN L. WHEAT.

Murrah's mo-
tion for
evening
session
adopted.

W. B. Murrah, of the North Mississippi Conference, moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 8 P.M. to hear the Fraternal Messenger from the Methodist Church in Canada, and the motion prevailed.

Cole's
substitute.

E. W. Cole, of the Tennessee Conference, offered a substitute for the entire Report No. 1 of the Committee on Epworth League.

Whitehead's
point of
order not
sustained.

Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, raised the point of order that the substitute of E. W. Cole was out of order, because the rule requires that any measure changing the Discipline should be for one day in possession of the Conference. The Chair ruled that the point was not well taken.

Pending
question
ordered.

James Campbell, of the Northwest Texas Conference, moved the pending question, and the motion prevailed.

Cole's substi-
tute for
Report No. 1
of Commit-
tee on
Epworth
League
adopted.

The substitute of E. W. Cole was adopted, as follows:

Amend ¶ 257, Article VIII., on page 111 of the Discipline, as follows:

In the fifth line from top of article, before the word "Editor," insert the words "General Secretary and"; in the same line after the word "clerical," insert the words "and editorial"; in the sixth line strike out the word "become"—so that the Article, as amended, shall read:

ARTICLE VIII. The salary of the General Secretary and Editor shall be fixed by the Book Committee, and paid by the Agents of the Publishing House. The Board shall furnish the General Secretary and Editor with such clerical and editorial assistance as may be necessary.

E. W. COLE,
J. O. WILLSON.

Public
worship.

The following was unanimously adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Whereas this committee has been requested by the General Conference to appoint one or more occasions on which Dr. Young J. Allen might address that body; and whereas but one night was found vacant, at which time it was determined to hold the "China Mission Jubilee"; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we request the General Conference to make

the address of Dr. Young J. Allen before that body the order of **MAY 11.**
the day for Thursday, May 12th, at 11:30 A.M. **SIXTH DAY.**

GEORGE H. ZIMMERMAN, *Chairman.*
H. M. CANTER, *Secretary.*

On motion, the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Bishop Keener. **Adjournment.**

EVENING SESSION.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 8 P.M., Bishop Wilson in the chair. **Conference meets.**

The Bishop announced Hymn 178,

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all thy quick'ning powers,

Religious service.

which was sung by the Conference.

J. D. Barbee led in prayer.

The Secretary read the credentials of the Rev. Dr. W. S. Griffin, Fraternal Messenger from the Methodist Church in Canada, as follows: **Credentials of Dr. Griffin.**

To the Bishops and Delegates of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Honored Fathers and Brethren: The Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D., a brother dearly beloved, is hereby accredited by authority of the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Canada, as our fraternal representative to convey to you assurances of our sincere Christian regards, of our thankfulness to God for the manner in which he has so signally blessed and honored you in his work, and of our prayerful desire for your continued prosperity.

We have the honor to be, in the bonds of Christian love and a common faith, fraternally yours,

A. CARMAN, *General Superintendent.*

WILLIAM I. SHAW, *Secretary.*

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Bishop Wilson introduced Dr. Griffin, who delivered an able and felicitous address, which was listened to with every token of appreciation and delight. **Dr. Griffin's address.**

(See Appendix II., Addresses of Fraternal Delegates, Document A.)

The Conference united in singing Hymn 374,

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise!

and adjourned, with the benediction by Bishop Granbery. **Adjournment.**

SEVENTH DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1898.

MAY 12. The Conference met at the usual hour, Bishop Gallo-
SEVENTH DAY. way in the chair.

Conference meets. The religious service was conducted by Miguel Dickie,
Religious service. of the Brazil Mission Conference.

Minutes approved. The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

Change on standing committee. G. E. Prince, of the South Carolina Conference, was substituted for S. D. Childs, on the Committee on Colportage.

J. C. C. Newton seated. J. C. C. Newton, clerical delegate from the Japan Mission Conference, was recognized and seated.

Bp. Hendrix presides. Bishop Hendrix took the chair.

Communication from President of the United States. A communication from the President of the United States was read, as follows:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, May 7, 1898.

My Dear Sir: Your letter of to-day, embodying a copy of a resolution recently adopted by your Conference, has been received, and the President has noted its contents with pleasure.

Permit me to assure you, and through you the members of the Conference, of the President's sincere appreciation of this cordial expression of commendation and good will.

Very truly yours,

JOHN ADDISON PORTER,

Secretary to the President.

Rev. Jno. J. Tigert, *Secretary*, etc., Baltimore, Md.

Committee on Sabbath Observance. The organization of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was reported as follows: J. W. Boswell, Chairman; S. M. Hosmer, Secretary.

Communication from Preachers' Meeting Methodist Episcopal Church. A communication from the Baltimore Preachers' Meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Church was read, as follows:

Whereas the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is now in session in our city; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Preachers' Meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Baltimore, That we hereby record our appreciation of their presence in our midst, and extend our heartiest fraternal greetings, praying that God's blessing may rest upon their work.

Unanimously adopted.

J. C. NICHOLSON, *President.*

HOWARD F. DOWNS, *Sec. pro tem.*

J. A. Kern granted leave of absence.

Leave of absence was granted J. A. Kern, of the Baltimore Conference.

The Secretary called the roll of standing committees **MAY 12.**
for reports, and the following were introduced: **SEVENTH DAY.**

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Episcopacy was read, and, on motion of E. A. Yates, it was taken up out of its regular order, as follows: Committee on Episcopacy, Report No. 2.

COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY, REPORT NO. 2.

The committee have had under consideration that part of the Episcopal Address referring to the election of bishops, and recommend that two bishops be elected.

J. H. PRITCHETT, *Chairman.*

W. L. NELMS, *Secretary.*

J. E. Wright, of the Kentucky Conference, moved to amend Report No. 2 of the Committee on Episcopacy by recommending the election of three bishops instead of two. Wright's amendment.

J. H. Pritchett, Chairman, moved that the amendment be laid on the table, and the motion prevailed. Tabled.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Episcopacy was adopted. Report No. 2 adopted.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Episcopacy was read, and, on motion of J. H. Pritchett, it was taken up out of its order and adopted, as follows: Committee on Episcopacy, Report No. 3 adopted.

COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY, REPORT NO. 3.

We have had under consideration the character and official administration of Alpheus W. Wilson, John C. Granbery, Robert K. Hargrove, William W. Duncan, Charles B. Galloway, Eugene R. Hendrix, Joseph S. Key, and Oscar P. Fitzgerald, and the same have been approved.

J. H. PRITCHETT, *Chairman.*

W. L. NELMS, *Secretary.*

J. H. Pritchett, Chairman, moved that the election of the two bishops be made the order of the day for Monday at ten o'clock. Pritchett's motion.

E. A. Yates, of the North Carolina Conference, moved to amend by substituting Friday for Monday, which amendment was laid on the table by a vote of 124 for to 79 against. Yates's amendment.

J. O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference, moved to amend by substituting Tuesday at eleven o'clock. Willson's amendment.

The following substitute was offered: Collier's substitute.

Resolved, That Saturday, May 14, 1898, be made the order of

MAY 12. the day for the election of bishops; to commence so soon as the
SEVENTH DAY. minutes of the previous day have been read and approved.

DANIEL COLLIER,
 ANSON WEST.

Tabled. On motion of J. O. Willson, the substitute was laid on the table.

Willson's amendment tabled. On motion, the amendment of J. O. Willson, was also laid on the table.

Pritchett's motion prevails. The question recurring on the motion of J. H. Pritchett, to make the election of bishops the order of the day for Monday at ten o'clock, his motion prevailed, and it was so ordered.

Reports of standing committees. Reports Nos. 1, 2, and 3 of the Committee on Itinerancy were read, and placed on the calendar.

A minority report to Report No. 2 of the Committee on Itinerancy was read, and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Revisals was read, and placed on the calendar.

Reports Nos. 1 and 2 of the Committee on Education were read, and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Church Extension was read, and placed on the calendar.

Committee on Appeals, Report No. 1. Report No. 1 of the Committee on Appeals was received, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS, REPORT NO. 1.

We beg leave to report that we have prayerfully considered the case of the Alabama Conference *vs.* Rev. A. C. Hundley, and the case is hereby remanded.

R. K. HARGROVE, *Chairman.*

W. T. McCLURE, *Secretary.*

Appeals, memorials, and petitions. The call of the Conferences for appeals, memorials, and petitions was made, and the following were presented:

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.—A memorial, signed by D. C. Kelley and J. P. Strother, proposing to amend ¶ 271 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.—A memorial to amend the ritual of baptism. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.—A memorial relating to the kind of wine used in the administration of the Lord's Supper. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A petition in reference to the Epworth League pledge. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

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Appeals,
memorials,
and
petitions.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—A memorial, signed by G. W. Wilson and Warner Moore, proposing to change Question 2 on page 127 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial from the San Antonio District Conference regarding the conveying of certain lots to the San Antonio Female College. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A memorial was presented from the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society. Referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

The call of the Conferences for resolutions was made, and the following were presented: Resolutions.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—A resolution, signed by Julius Edwin Wright, G. W. Young, W. W. Ball, and others, proposing to amend the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—A resolution, signed by J. R. Pepper and W. W. Ball, in reference to Sunday-school literature. Referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—A resolution, signed by John Anderson, W. G. Miller, and B. J. Casteel, concerning the traveling expenses of Bishops. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—A resolution, signed by A. F. Watkins, C. G. Andrews, and W. C. Black, proposing to amend ¶ 87 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution, signed by Alex. G. Brown and John P. Branch, proposing to amend ¶ 424, Section IV., Chapter XIII. of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A resolution fixing the time when all additions, amendments, or alterations to the Discipline shall go into effect. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—A resolution, signed by S. H. Werlein and J. Holmes, proposing to amend ¶ 99 of

MAY 12. the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.
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Resolutions.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution, signed by Geo. G. N. MacDonell, J. O. Branch, and N. E. Harris, to adjust the claims of superannuated preachers. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A resolution, signed by J. B. McGehee, J. W. Hinton, and J. O. Branch, proposing to make the appointment of the Joint Board of Finance quadrennial. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A resolution, signed by L. B. Haynes, J. A. Clifton, and James H. Carlisle, proposing to amend ¶ 230 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A resolution respecting the boundaries between the Texas and the Northwest Texas Conferences. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

A resolution was presented, signed by Willard W. Wadsworth and J. D. Hammond, proposing to amend ¶ 356 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

A resolution was presented, signed by S. M. Hosmer, J. W. Lewis, and others, proposing to provide for a uniform rule for apportioning the Connectional collections. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Glenn's
motion
adopted.

W. F. Glenn, of the North Georgia Conference, moved that the election of Connectional officers be made the order of the day immediately following the election of bishops, and the motion prevailed.

Committee on Revisals,
Report No. 1. Report No. 1 of the Committee on Revisals was taken from the calendar.

J. H. Pritchett moved to take it up item by item, and the motion prevailed.

Item 1
adopted.

Item first was adopted.

Collier's
amendment
lost.

W. J. Collier, of the Tennessee Conference, moved to amend the second item by striking out the provision which says that no charge shall have more than thirty appointments. This amendment was laid on the table,

Item 2
adopted.

and item two was adopted.

Item three was then adopted, and on motion of J. J. TIGERT the report was adopted as a whole, as follows: MAY 12.
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COMMITTEE ON REVISALS, REPORT NO. 1.

Item 3
adopted.

The report
adopted.

Your committee have examined,

1. A memorial, signed by W. B. Johnsey, George McGlumphy, and J. L. Keener, members of the Arkansas Conference, relating to a change in ¶ 46, ¶ 265, and ¶ 269 of the Discipline of 1894. The change sought would allow laymen to participate in trials affecting ministerial character. Your committee recommend nonconcurrence.

2. A memorial from the Baltimore Conference relating to a change in ¶ 105, page 59, Discipline of 1894, increasing the number of charges that may be included in a District. Your committee recommend concurrence, that the paragraph when altered shall read as follows:

"¶ 105. *Ans.* 8. To see that the Districts be formed according to his judgment, provided that no District shall contain more than thirty appointments."

3. A memorial from the Virginia Conference relating to a change in ¶ 105, page 59, Discipline of 1894. Said memorial proposed to remove all restrictions on the number of charges that may be included in a District. Your committee recommend nonconcurrence.

J. M. MASON, *Chairman.*

CHARLES W. WHITE, *Secretary.*

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was taken from the calendar and adopted, as follows:

Committee
on Publishing
Interests, Re-
port No. 1
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS, REPORT NO. 1.

Your Committee on Publishing Interests have had under consideration the memorial of D. B. Scott and W. H. Comer, concerning a cheaper Discipline (to cost not more than fifteen or twenty cents), and we recommend that it be not granted.

J. P. STROTHER, *Chairman.*

B. M. BURGHER, *Secretary.*

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Missions was taken from the calendar and adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, REPORT NO. 1.

Your committee has had under consideration a memorial from the Arizona District Conference, of the Los Angeles Conference, signed by M. B. Sharborough and Q. A. Oats, asking for a change in the Discipline, giving the Conference Boards of Missions the right to distribute, with the advice and consent of the president of the Conference, the funds allowed the Conference by the General Board. The committee recommends that we do not concur.

Committee
on Mis-
sions, Re-
port No. 1
adopted.

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Also, a memorial from Merced District, Pacific Conference, asking for a change in the Discipline, giving the right of distributing the funds allowed by the General Board to an Annual Conference to the Conference Board of Missions, and requiring the publication in the Conference Minutes of a statement of the distribution made of such funds. The committee recommends nonconcurrence, but submits the following resolution for your adoption :

Resolved, That it is the sense of the General Conference that all appropriations by the General Board of Missions to missionaries in any Annual Conference in the United States should be published in the minutes of such Conference, when said Conference shall request it.

R. N. SLEDD, *Chairman*.

F. D. SWINDELL, *Secretary*.

Committee
on Bound-
aries, Re-
port No. 2
adopted.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Boundaries was taken from the calendar and adopted, as follows :

COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES, REPORT NO. 2.

1. In the matter of the memorial from the Arizona District Conference of the Los Angeles Annual Conference, asking that Fresno District, now in the Pacific Conference, shall be embraced in the Los Angeles Annual Conference, or, in case this is not deemed wise, that the Los Angeles Conference be partitioned between the Pacific and the New Mexico Conferences; and the counter memorial from the Los Angeles Annual Conference, protesting against dissolving its autonomy; we recommend nonconcurrence in the memorial from the Arizona District Conference, and concurrence in the memorial from the Los Angeles Annual Conference.

2. We recommend granting the prayer of the memorial from the North Georgia Conference, requesting the privilege to divide within the next quadrennium should it deem a division best.

3. We recommend concurrence in the memorial from Munnerlyn's Chapel, in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, petitioning to be transferred from the Louisiana Conference to the Little Rock Conference; and that ¶ 466, page 271, of the Discipline be amended by adding "Munnerlyn's Chapel in Louisiana" to the close of the section, and ¶ 468, page 271, to close of section, "except Munnerlyn's Chapel."

C. G. ANDREWS, *Chairman*.

JNO. R. NELSON, *Secretary*.

Committee on
Temperance,
Report No.
1 adopted.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Temperance was taken from the calendar and adopted, as follows :

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE, REPORT NO. 1.

Your Committee on Temperance, having carefully considered the paper from the American Anti-saloon League, asking the Church to affiliate with said League by appointing one member from our body on the National Board of Direction, and ten dele-

gates to the next National Convention, beg leave to submit the following: While we heartily approve the object of the American Anti-saloon League, and bid it Godspeed in its great work, we do not deem it essential or expedient to name a representative for the National Board of Direction, nor to select delegates to the next National Anti-saloon Convention, deeming representatives from the local communities amply sufficient. We therefore recommend nonconcurrence with the request.

E. C. REEVES, *Chairman.*

W. C. BLACK, *Secretary.*

Reports No. 1 and No. 2 of the Committee on Sunday Schools were taken from the calendar and adopted, as follows:

Committee
on Sunday
Schools,
Reports
Nos. 1 and
2 adopted.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS, REPORT NO. 1.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools have carefully considered the resolutions from the Western Conference relative to a cheaper form of our Sunday-school literature and the Young People's Hymnal, and we respectfully recommend that the request be not granted.

J. R. PEPPER, *Chairman.*

J. H. HINEMON, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS, REPORT NO. 2.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools, after full and deliberate consideration, recommend that the memorial of D. C. Kelley, relative to the consolidation of the *Epworth Era* and *Children's Visitor*, be not granted.

J. R. PEPPER, *Chairman.*

J. H. HINEMON, *Secretary.*

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Finance was taken from the calendar, and W. J. Collier, of the Tennessee Conference, moved to amend by substituting "concurrence" for "nonconcurrence."

Committee
on Finance,
Report No.
1 recom-
mended.

D. C. Kelley moved that the report be recommitted, and the motion prevailed.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Itinerancy was taken from the calendar and adopted, as follows:

Committee
on Itiner-
ancy, Re-
port No. 1
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY, REPORT NO. 1.

We, the Committee on Itinerancy, beg leave to submit Report No. 1 on Annual Conference Journals.

Southwest Missouri Conference.—This Journal is a model of neatness. We find nothing in the work of the capable Secretary to criticise adversely, except the following: Pages 9 and 10, a number of reports are adopted, but the page of their insertion in the appendix is not given. The reports in the appendix do not state the date on which they were adopted. In all the sessions of the quadrennium the signatures of the Presi-

MAY 12. dent and Secretary appear before the insertion of the appointments.
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St. Louis Conference.—This Journal is in the main good. The most serious defect is the crowding of the matter. There are about one hundred pages unused, and yet the minutes are so crowded that reading is difficult and the Journal unsightly. The errors are trifling, most of them mere oversight. On page 162 we have this: "A. J. C., not having served a pastoral charge during the year, he was continued in the class of the fourth year." The appointments of the previous year show he was appointed to attend school. If his continuance in the class was for the cause stated in the Journal, it was unlawful. On page 169 the Committee on Memoirs is said to have reported, but Question 19 is not asked, and the names of those who had died are not given. On page 171 the names of transfers are given, but Question 6 is not asked. There are some minor errors which the Secretary himself will detect and remedy in future.

Respectfully submitted: FRANK RICHARDSON, *Chairman.*
JOSEPH S. OAKLEY, *Secretary.*

Dr. Allen's
address.

The order of the day having arrived, W. A. Candler moved that the Conference now hear the address of Young J. Allen, of the China Mission Conference, and the motion prevailed.

Dr. Allen then delivered an able and instructive address. At the conclusion of the address, the following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we have heard with great pleasure the statesmanlike utterances of Dr. Young J. Allen, of the China Mission Conference, who has addressed us to-day. We rejoice in the good tidings he brings us from the East, and we will do all in our power during this jubilee year of the China Mission to enable our faithful laborers in that interesting field to make the most of the extraordinary opportunity now open before them.

W. A. CANDLER,
R. H. MAHON.

Time of elec-
tion of
bishops.

J. A. Anderson, of the Arkansas Conference, moved a reconsideration of the vote fixing Monday as the time for the election of bishops, and the motion prevailed.

On motion, 10 o'clock A.M. on Tuesday next was fixed instead.

Adjourn-
ment.

On motion, the Conference adjourned. The doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Andrew Hunter.

EIGHTH DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1898.

The Conference met at the usual hour, Bishop Hendrix in the chair. MAY 13.
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Religious service was conducted by W. P. Lovejoy, of the North Georgia Conference. Conference meets.
Religious service.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved. Minutes approved.

J. H. Pritchett, of the Missouri Conference, rising to a question of privilege, moved the reference of the expenses of G. H. Warren, clerical alternate seated in place of R. H. Cooper, granted leave of absence, to the Committee on Entertainment; and the motion prevailed. Pritchett's privileged motion.

Bishop Key took the chair.

Bp. Key presides.

J. H. Pritchett, of the Missouri Conference, presented the following resolution: Resolutions of sympathy with R. H. Cooper.

Whereas Brother R. H. Cooper, of the Missouri Conference delegation, has been called home by sudden and dangerous illness in his family,

Resolved, That we do hereby express our regret and sympathy, praying for the speedy recovery of the sick member or members of his household.

J. H. PRITCHETT,
JOHN ANDERSON.

On motion, the resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

The call was made for reports from standing committees, and the following were presented: Reports of standing committees.

Boundaries.—Report No. 3 was read, and, under the rules, went to the calendar.

Sunday Schools.—Report No. 3 was read, and, under the rules, went to the calendar.

Report No. 4 was read, and, under the rules, went to the calendar.

Temperance.—Report No. 2 was read, and, under the rules, went to the calendar.

Finance.—Report No. 3 was read, and, under the rules, went to the calendar.

Report No. 4 was read, and, under the rules, went to the calendar.

The roll of the Conferences was called for appeals,

MAY 13. EIGHTH DAY. memorials, and petitions, and the following were presented:

Appeals, memorials, and petitions. EAST COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial to amend ¶ 87 and ¶ 117 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—A memorial on the division of the Indian Mission Conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning the *Pacific Methodist Advocate*. Referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning Quarterly Conference business. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—A memorial to amend ¶ 424 of the Discipline, on parsonage property. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolutions. The roll of the Conferences was called for resolutions, and the following were presented:

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—The following resolution, signed by Daniel Collier and John C. LeGrand, was presented:

Of thanks. *Resolved*, That this Conference do hereby extend their grateful thanks to the ladies of the East Baltimore District for the pleasant and cordial reception given to the Conference by those ladies at Trinity Church, this city, on the evening of May 12, 1898.

DANIEL COLLIER,
J. C. LEGRAND.

Adopted. H. C. Morrison, of the Louisville Conference, moved that the resolution be adopted by a rising vote, and the motion prevailed.

Anderson's resolution. ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.—The following resolution was presented:

Resolved, That this General Conference looks with great disfavor upon the practice, new among us, of nominating men through the public prints for high positions in our Church.

JAMES A. ANDERSON,
JOHN W. BOSWELL,
F. S. H. JOHNSTON.

Tabled. F. D. Swindell, of the North Carolina Conference, moved that the paper be laid on the table, and the motion prevailed.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—A resolution to amend ¶ 378 and ¶ 380 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Church Extension. MAY 13.
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KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—A resolution to amend ¶ 51 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—A resolution to amend Chapter XIII., Section II., of the Discipline, on parsonage funds. Referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning a branch publishing house at St. Louis. Referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning trustees of Church property. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A resolution on boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—A resolution to amend ¶ 330 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution on Annual Conference assessments. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A resolution on episcopal decisions. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

A resolution on laws for the trial of a traveling preacher. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Epworth League was presented, read, and, under the rules, went to the calendar. Report No. 2
Committee
on Ep-
worth
League.

The quadrennial report of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was read, and, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance. Report of the
Board of
Trustees.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Appeals was received, as follows: Committee
on Ap-
peals, Re-
port No. 2.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS, REPORT NO. 2.

The Committee on Appeals, after patient consideration of the case of Thomas Cooper, of the Missouri Conference, remand it for a new trial. They desire to state that this decision was made necessary by the fact that the record repeatedly refers, for evidence, to "shorthand notes" of the testimony, which

MAY 13. notes were not found among the accompanying documents, nor
EIGHTH DAY. any translation of them.

R. K. HARGROVE, *Chairman.*

W. T. McCCLURE, *Secretary.*

Committee on Itinerancy, Report No. 2. Report No. 2 of the Committee on Itinerancy was taken from the calendar.

Young's motion prevails. G. W. Young, of the Kentucky Conference, moved that the report be taken up item by item, and the motion prevailed.

Wilson's motion to postpone. G. W. Wilson, of the Memphis Conference, moved the postponement of the consideration of the first item of the report until Monday morning.

Tabled. W. W. Wadsworth, of the North Georgia Conference, moved that the motion to postpone be laid on the table, and his motion prevailed, 104 voting for tabling, and 86 against.

Wilson's resolution. G. W. Wilson of the Memphis Conference, offered the following resolution:

Whereas this subject is under consideration by the Committee on Revisals,

Resolved, That action be postponed until the report of the Committee on Revisals is made.

J. M. MASON,

G. W. WILSON.

Knoch's motion tabled. Ulrich Knoch, of the Los Angeles Conference, moved that the report be recommitted. On motion, the motion to recommit was laid on the table.

Nelms's amendment accepted. W. L. Nelms, of the Northwest Texas Conference, moved as an amendment to the resolution the substitution of the words "before the Conference" for the word "made," and the amendment was accepted.

Young's motion to table lost. G. W. Young, of the Kentucky Conference, moved that the resolution as amended be laid on the table, and the motion did not prevail, 78 voting for tabling, and 122 against.

Previous question ordered. Resolution adopted. James Campbell, of the Northwest Texas Conference, moved the previous question. The previous question was ordered, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Bp. Foss introduced. Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced to the Conference.

Item 2. The second item of Report No. 2 of the Committee on Itinerancy was read. A minority report of this committee was also read.

Anson West, of the North Alabama Conference, moved the adoption of the majority report. **MAY 13. EIGHTH DAY.**

J. H. Pritchett, of the Missouri Conference, moved that the minority report be considered as a substitute for the majority report, and it was so ordered. **West's motion. Pritchett's motion prevails.**

J. H. Young, the Chairman of the Committee on Public Worship, announced the appointments for Sunday morning and evening, as follows: **Public worship.**

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

Trinity: 11 A.M., H. C. Morrison; 8 P.M., E. E. Hoss.

St. Paul's: 11 A.M., Bishop Fitzgerald; 8 P.M., R. D. Smart.

Central: 11 A.M., Bishop Granbery; 8 P.M., S. H. Werlein.

Emmanuel: 11 A.M., W. A. Candler; 8 P.M., J. Powell Garland.

Calvary: 11 A.M., W. H. LaPrade; 8 P.M., Sam P. Jones.

North Baltimore: 11 A.M., R. G. Waterhouse; 8 P.M., S. H. Shangle.

Wilkins Avenue: 11 A.M., C. A. Fulwood; 8 P.M., Henry Homan.

Frederick Avenue: 11 A.M., J. J. N. Kenney; 8 P.M., Samuel L. Dabbs.

Caenarvon: 11 A.M., John M. Moore; 8 P.M., C. A. Saunders.

Arlington: 11 A.M., A. C  ke Smith; 8 P.M., J. C. Kilgo.

Sudbrook: 11 A.M., Bishop Hargrove; 8 P.M., John M. Barcus.

Washington: Mt. Vernon Place, 11 A.M., Bishop Duncan; 8 P.M., M. B. Chapman. Epworth, 11 A.M., M. B. Chapman; 8 P.M., Bishop Duncan. Marvin, D. C. Kelley.

Alexandria, Va.: James Campbell.

Laurel: F. A. Parker.

Jarrettsville: M. Dickie.

Reisterstown: 11 A.M., George W. Hill.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

First Church: 11 A.M., Dr. W. T. Davison; 8 P.M., J. R. Deering.

Mt. Vernon: 11 A.M., Bishop Galloway; 8 P.M., T. N. Ivey.

Madison Avenue: 11 A.M., E. E. Hoss; 8 P.M., W. K. Piner.

Grace: 11 A.M., Bishop Hendrix; 8 P.M., Dr. W. S. Griffin.

Madison Square: 11 A.M., Bishop Key; 8 P.M., W. H. Comer.

Jefferson Street: 11 A.M., W. M. Leftwich.

Columbia Avenue: 11 A.M., J. D. Barbee; 8 P.M., W. R. Lambuth.

Greenmount: 11 A.M., T. A. Kerley.

Harlem Park: 11 A.M., C. C. Woods; 8 P.M., Epworth League, W. T. McClure.

Monroe Street: 11 A.M., R. Smithson; 8 P.M., John Adams.

Harford Avenue: 11 A.M., F. Richardson.

Roland Park: 8 P.M., R. H. Cooper.

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worship.*Canton Street:* 11 A.M., S. B. Tabor.*Emory:* 11 A.M., A. F. Watkins; 8 P.M., W. F. Packard.*Broadway:* 11 A.M., John O. Keener; 8 P.M., S. M. Hosmer.*Guilford Avenue:* 11 A.M., J. S. Oakley; 8 P.M., T. W. Lewis.*Garrett Park:* 11 A.M., William A. Freeman.*Wesley Chapel:* 11 A.M., E. B. Chappell.*East Baltimore Station:* 11 A.M., R. H. Mahon; 8 P.M., J. W.**Hinton.***Montford:* 8 P.M., John Anderson.*Appold:* 11 A.M., T. R. Pierce.*Memorial:* 11 A.M., W. F. Coffin.*Mizpah Meetinghouse:* 11 A.M., G. W. Young.*Towson:* 11 A.M., J. B. McGehee.*Bennett Memorial:* 11 A.M., J. O. Branch; 8 P.M., P. A. Moses.*Woodbury:* 11 A.M., G. G. N. MacDonell.*Fort Avenue:* 11 A.M., J. W. Daniel.*Clifton:* 11 A.M., John H. Dye.*Mt. Washington:* 11 A.M., S. H. Babcock.*Havre de Grace:* 11 A.M., A. Hunter.*Bethany:* 11 A.M., J. R. Brooks; 8 P.M., Epworth League, J. A.**Clifton.***West Baltimore Station:* 11 A.M., C. J. Andrews; 8 P.M., Epworth League, John L. Wheat.*Monument Street:* 11 A.M., John O. Willson; 8 P.M., E. W. Solomon.*North Avenue:* 11 A.M., G. W. Wilson; 8 P.M., I. W. Clark.*St. John's:* 11 A.M., John W. Newman.*Franklin Street:* 11 A.M., A. A. Wagon.*Trinity, Washington, D. C.:* Gross Alexander.*Fayette Street:* R. N. Price.**METHODIST PROTESTANT.***Lafayette Avenue:* 11 A.M., John D. Hammond; 8 P.M., Julius E. Wright.*Mt. Royal Avenue:* 11 A.M., M. J. Cofer.*Broadway:* 11 A.M., John R. Nelson; 8 P.M., I. S. Ashburn.*Christ's:* 8 P.M., E. A. Bailey.*Starr:* 11 A.M., J. H. Pritchett.**INDEPENDENT.***St. John's:* 11 A.M., B. F. Ball; 8 P.M., J. H. McLean.**EPISCOPAL.***Church of Redeemer:* 11 A.M., J. W. Hinton; 8 P.M., J. J. Laferty.**BAPTIST.***Franklin Square:* 8 P.M., A. J. Lamar.**PRESBYTERIAN.***Central:* 11 A.M., J. J. Tigert.

Westminster: 11 A.M., James Atkins.

Maryland Avenue: 11 A.M., Young J. Allen; 8 P.M., W. B. Palmore.

Aisquith Street: 11 A.M., W. F. Glenn; 8 P.M., Bishop Fitzgerald

Franklin Street: 8 P.M., W. E. Edwards.

Mt. Washington: 11 A.M., W. C. Black; 8 P.M., W. W. Wadsworth.

University of Virginia: Alonzo Monk.

LUTHERAN.

St. Luke's: 8 P.M., J. G. Sale.

St. Paul's (English): 11 A.M., W. P. Lovejoy.

West Lombard: 11 A.M., S. P. Wright.

GERMAN REFORMED.

8 P.M., John A. Rice.

UNITED BRETHREN.

Franklin Street: 11 A.M., T. S. Wade.

SEAMEN'S BETHEL.

11 A.M., Sterling Fisher; 8 P.M., C. E. Dowman.

PRISONERS' AID.

Maryland Penitentiary: 3 P.M., W. J. Collier.

D. C. Kelley, of the Tennessee Conference, was recognized by the Chair and transferred his right to the floor to J. O. Keener, of the Alabama Conference.

Kelley recognized.

W. A. Candler, of the North Georgia Conference, moved that J. O. Keener be allowed to proceed with his speech as a matter of courtesy, and the motion prevailed.

Candler's motion prevails.

Gross Alexander, of the Louisville Conference, moved that the further consideration of this report be deferred until to-morrow, in order that Report No. 3 of the Committee on Itinerancy might be taken up at this time.

Alexander's motion.

G. W. Young, of the Kentucky Conference, moved that the motion be laid on the table, and the motion prevailed.

Tabled.

James Atkins, of the Western North Carolina Conference, presented as an amendment to the substitute the following:

Atkins's amendment.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this General Conference that our bishops shall not as a rule appoint a man to the office of presiding elder for a longer time, consecutively, than eight years.

JAMES ATKINS,

W. R. ODELL,

J. H. WEAVER,

CHARLES W. WHITE.

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West's point
of order.

Not sustained.

Appeal
sustained.

Candler's
motion.

Session
extended.

Substitute
lost.

Item 2
adopted.

Anson West, of the North Alabama Conference, rose to a point of order that this resolution was not in order, inasmuch as the matter under consideration was an effort to change the Discipline, and that which was offered as an amendment was a substitute for the entire item, and a simple resolution advisory in its character. The Chair decided the point not well taken.

An appeal from the decision of the Chair was taken, and the appeal was sustained by the House.

W. A. Candler, of the North Georgia Conference, moved the pending question, and the motion prevailed.

On motion, the session was extended for the final disposition of the subject under consideration.

The vote was taken on the substitute, and it was lost, 69 votes for, and 153 against.

The vote was taken on the majority report, and item 2 was adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY, REPORT NO. 2, ITEM 2.

We have considered a memorial from the South Carolina Conference, making a presiding elder ineligible to that office after serving for eight consecutive years.

Also a memorial from Holston Conference, making a presiding elder ineligible to reappointment after serving for four years continuously.

In both instances a majority of your committee recommend nonconcurrency.

FRANK RICHARDSON, *Chairman.*

JOSEPH S. OAKLEY, *Secretary.*

Mahon's
motion.

R. H. Mahon, of the Memphis Conference, moved the consideration of Report No. 3 of the Committee on Itinerancy.

Hoss's point
of order
sustained.

E. E. Hoss, of the Holston Conference, rose to the point of order that the time of the session was extended for a specific purpose, and that when that purpose was accomplished no other business was in order. The Chair ruled the point well taken.

Edward
Mayes
seated.

The presence of Edward Mayes, lay delegate from the Mississippi Conference, was announced, and he was recognized and seated.

Adjourn-
ment.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Foss.

NINTH DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1898.

Conference met at the usual hour, Bishop Key in the chair. **MAY 14.**
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Religious service was conducted by E. B. Chappell, of the St. Louis Conference. Conference meets.

The minutes of the session of yesterday were read and approved. Religious service.

Bishop Fitzgerald took the chair. Minutes approved.

Leave of absence was granted D. C. Turnipseed, of the Alabama Conference. Bp. Fitzgerald presides.

A communication was read from Lansing Burrows, Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. Leave of absence.

A communication from R. J. Bigham, Secretary of the General Board of Education, was read, and referred to the Committee on Education. Communications.

On the call for reports of standing committees, Report No. 4 of the Committee on Episcopacy was read, and placed on the calendar. Reports of standing committees.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Episcopacy was received and placed on record, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY, REPORT NO. 5.

Your committee recommend that the salary and traveling expenses of the bishops on the effective list be \$3,600 each per annum; that the salary of Bishop Keener be \$3,000 per annum; and that the allowance of the widows of deceased bishops be \$1,000 each per annum.

J. H. PRITCHETT, *Chairman.*

W. L. NELMS, *Secretary.*

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Revisals was read, and placed on the calendar.

A minority report from the same committee was read, and went to the calendar.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Missions was read, and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Colportage was read, and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Appeals was received and went to record, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS, REPORT NO. 3.

The Committee on Appeals, after careful examination of the

MAY 14. records in the case of Vincente P. Reubin, of the Mexican Border Mission Conference, reverse the decision of the lower court on the ground of insufficiency of evidence and disproportionate punishment.

R. K. HARGROVE, *Chairman.*

W. T. McCLURE, *Secretary.*

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Itinerancy was read, and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Church Extension was read, and placed on the calendar.

Committee on
Church
Extension,
Report No.
3 adopted.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Church Extension was read, and, on motion, it was taken up out of its order, and the report was adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION, REPORT NO. 3.

Your Committee on Church Extension, having had under consideration the Quadrennial Report of the Board of Church Extension, and that portion of the Bishops' Address relating thereto, respectfully report as follows:

1. Notwithstanding the financial distress which prevailed during a large part of the quadrennium, the affairs of the department show it to be in a healthful and prosperous condition. The receipts from the annual collections amounted to \$222,000, a decrease of about \$22,000 as compared with the previous quadrennium. The loan funds increased \$37,500 by gifts and bequests, and about \$9,000 by the addition of interest collected on loans, so that the aggregate now in hand reaches \$154,927.86. Legacies and other assets not yet converted into cash will carry the total to about \$175,000. The prudence and wisdom that have characterized the administration of the affairs of the Board have won and hold the confidence of our people, and seem to guarantee a steady and healthful growth of these loan funds. The Board at its last annual meeting wisely reduced the rate of interest on loans to four per cent. per annum. During the quadrennium aid was extended to 1,345 churches, in loans and donations aggregating \$269,176. We cordially commend the careful and economical manner in which the affairs of the Board have been administered.

2. In the death of the Rev. David Morton, D.D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board, which occurred on March 9, 1898, the Board and the Church suffered a well-nigh irreparable loss. To quote the language used by the Board in its report to your body: "What Church Extension is among us, he made it. By tireless industry, indomitable energy, passionate devotion to one work, out of formless void he created, then organized and directed, our Church Extension department with such phenomenal success as to cause his name to be enshrined among those of our greatest leaders. The history of the Church cannot be

written without giving a large place to him; and the history of the first sixteen years of our Church Extension work is simply his history." MAY 14.
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Dr. Morton's deep interest in the accumulation and administration of the loan funds leads your committee to concur in the opinion of the Board of Church Extension, that the most fitting tribute which the Church could pay to the memory of this valued and faithful son would be to raise a loan fund of ample size, to be known as the "David Morton Memorial Loan Fund," and to be administered as are the other loan funds of that Board. We therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the General Conference heartily indorses the proposal of the Board of Church Extension to raise a "David Morton Memorial Loan Fund," in grateful memory of the founder of our Church Extension work. We recommend that the sum be not less than thirty thousand dollars, and that our bishops and preachers be requested to coöperate with the Board of Church Extension in carrying out successfully any plans which it may adopt for raising this fund.

Respectfully submitted:

J. D. BARBEE, *Chairman*.

JOHN W. LEWIS, *Secretary*.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Education was read, and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Finance was read, and placed on the calendar.

The following resolution from the Denver Conference was read, and adopted by a rising vote: Fasting and
prayer.

Resolved, That the members of the General Conference be requested to observe Monday, May 16, as a day of fasting and prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the selection of bishops and connectional officers.

J. H. LEDBETTER,

J. R. KILLIAN.

The roll of the Conferences was called for appeals, memorials, and petitions, and the following were presented: Appeals,
memorials,
and
petitions.

LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.—A petition concerning the *Pacific Methodist Advocate*. Referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning the revision of the constitution of the Board of Missions. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A petition in refer-

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petitions.

ence to the constitution of local Epworth Leagues. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

A petition was presented, signed by J. E. Bristow and M. M. McFarland, proposing to amend ¶ 31, page 26, of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A memorial from the Florence District Conference, to amend Chapter III. of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

The records of the trial of W. E. Broadhurst, of the Western Conference, were presented, and referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Resolutions.

The roll of the Conferences was called for resolutions, and the following were presented:

A resolution, signed by John A. Rich and J. C. Shelton, proposing to amend ¶ 251 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

A resolution, signed by J. C. Sale and others, concerning the election of stewards. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

A resolution, signed by J. H. Ledbetter and Julius Edwin Wright, proposing to amend ¶ 99 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Education.

A resolution, signed by W. S. Johnson, Gross Alexander, and others, proposing to amend ¶ 206 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A resolution, signed by W. W. Smith, A. F. Watkins, and Gross Alexander, in reference to the examination of applicants for admission on trial. Referred to the Committee on Education.

A resolution, signed by W. F. Packard, G. J. Warren, and others, in reference to episcopal residence. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

A resolution, signed by Sterling Fisher and J. D. Scott, proposing to insert a new paragraph in the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A resolution, signed by J. D. Crockett and W. L. Nelms, proposing to amend ¶ 439 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A resolution, signed by S. H. Werlein and J. N.

Holmes, in reference to the insuring of Church property damaged by cyclones. Referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

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The Chair introduced to the Conference Bishop Earl Cranston, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Bp. Cranston
intro-
duced.

The following resolutions were offered:

Resolved, 1. That it is the sense of this General Conference that our Methodism has never recognized or encouraged any such spirit as *candidacy* for the various connectional or other offices of the Church.

Resolutions
against
candidacy.

2. That we do hereby enter our serious protest against the publication of any article, either editorial or communicated, in in any of our Church organs, or other Church periodical, and against any other methods which tend to foster, in any measure, an unwarranted rivalry for official preferment.

DANIEL COLLIER,
N. M. ROWE,
JOHN C. LEGRAND.

T. A. Kerley, of the Tennessee Conference, moved to lay the resolution on the table, and the motion was lost by a vote of 52 for, and 96 against.

Not tabled.

Daniel Collier, of the North Alabama Conference, moved that the question be now put.

J. O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference, moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Daniel Collier moved to lay the motion of J. O. Willson on the table.

W. W. Wadsworth, of the North Georgia Conference, rose to the point of order that Daniel Collier had moved the previous question, and the point was sustained.

Previous
question
ordered.

The previous question was ordered; the resolution was then submitted and adopted.

Resolution
adopted.

The Chair introduced to the Conference Bishop J. F. Hurst, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Bp. Hurst
intro-
duced.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Itinerancy was taken from the calendar.

Committee
on Itiner-
ancy, Re-
port No. 3.

The following resolution was offered by J. H. Pritchett, Chairman of the Committee on Episcopacy:

Pritchett's
resolution.

Whereas the Committee on Episcopacy has had under consideration the whole administrations of all the bishops; and whereas, in adopting Report No. 3 of that committee, the Gen-

MAY 14. eral Conference has already passed upon those administrations;
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Resolved, That Report No. 3 of the Committee on Itinerancy is out of order, and that it lie on the table.

J. H. PRITCHETT,
 J. D. BARBEE.

Whitehead's
 point of
 order.

Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, made the point of order that the resolution declaring Report No. 3 of the Committee on Itinerancy *out of order* was out of order, because it was a usurpation of the prerogative of the Chair, and because it was contradictory in that it proposed action on a matter which at the same time it declared out of order.

Sustained.

The Chair ruled the point well taken.

Pritchett's
 motion.

J. H. Pritchett moved that Report No. 3 of the Committee on Itinerancy be referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

Denny's point
 of order.

Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, made the point of order that Report No. 3 of the Committee on Itinerancy is out of order, because its matter had already been attended to in the adoption of the report of another committee.

Sustained.

The Chair ruled the point well taken, and Frank Richardson, of the Holston Conference, appealed from the decision of the Chair.

Appeal.

Chair not
 sustained.

The decision of the Chair was not sustained, 65 voting for it, and 105 voting against it.

Pritchett's
 motion
 prevails.

The motion of J. H. Pritchett to refer to the Committee on Episcopacy prevailed.

Whisner's
 motion
 prevails.

P. H. Whisner moved that the Committee on Episcopacy be allowed to hold a session this forenoon, and the motion prevailed.

Committee on
 Revisals,
 Report
 No. 2.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Revisals was taken from the calendar.

W. W. Smith moved that the report be taken up item by item, and the motion prevailed.

Item No. 1 was read.

Gross Alexander moved that the pending question be now put, and the motion prevailed.

Item 1
 adopted.

The vote was taken on the first item of the report, and it was adopted.

Item No. 2 was read and adopted.

Item No. 3 was read and adopted.

Item No. 4 was read and adopted.

Item No. 5 was read and adopted.

Item No. 6 was read and adopted.

Item No. 7 was read and adopted.

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Items 2, 3,
and 4,
adopted.

Item 5
adopted.

Item 6
adopted.

Item 7
adopted.
The report
adopted.

On motion of J. J. Tigert, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, the report as a whole was adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON REVISALS, REPORT NO. 2.

Your committee submit the following report. They have considered,

1. No. 3 from calendar. This is a paper from the Baltimore Conference. We recommend that you concur therein; that there be added on page 41, Chapter II., Section II., immediately after ¶ 67, Discipline of 1894, the following:

“¶ 68. *Ans.* 10. Let every Annual Conference appoint a Committee on Admissions, who shall inquire into the character and adaptation to the itinerancy of all applicants for admission on trial, readmission, and admission from other Churches.

“If this committee report adversely on any case, a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall be requisite to grant the application.”

2. No. 34 from calendar, signed by W. J. Collier and T. A. Kerley, of the Tennessee Conference. This paper asks that applicants for admission to Annual Conferences from other Churches be required to stand an approved examination, and be recommended for admission by a District Conference. We recommend that you do not concur.

3. No. 51 from calendar. This is a memorial from the Columbia Station, Missouri Conference. The first resolution in it refers to written examinations on Course of Study. The second resolution requests the General Conference to define and fix limitations upon the meaning of the words, “ordinary branches of an English education.” We recommend nonconcurrency.

4. No. 4 from calendar. This is a memorial from the Baltimore Conference that seeks to have presiding elders present to Annual Conferences minutes of district stewards’ meetings, and to have said Conferences examine such minutes. We recommend nonconcurrency.

5. No. 13 from calendar. This is a paper signed by John H. Witt and J. S. Renshaw, of the Memphis Conference. The purport of this paper is to make a change in the method of assessing salaries for presiding elders, by substituting for the present rule one under which stewards in pastoral charges shall,

MAY 14, after making assessment for preacher in charge, add thereto
NINTH DAY, ten per cent. for the presiding elder in that charge. Also to make a change in the law for assessing sums apportioned by the Joint Board of Finance, substituting a rule to prorate said apportionment on the basis of the presiding elder's claim. We recommend nonconcurrence.

6. No. 15 from calendar. This paper in its first section refers to the method of making assessments for presiding elder; it is in substance identical with No. 5 of this report. The second section is to strike out ¶ 196, on the duties of district stewards. The third section refers to the duties of bishop, and seeks to remove all restrictions as to the number of charges that may be included in a district. In all of which we recommend nonconcurrence.

7. No. "B 15" from calendar. This is a paper signed by R. H. Mahon and A. W. Newsom, of the Memphis Conference. The paper seeks to make a change in ¶ 131, touching the duties of preachers in charge, striking out in the last line of the said paragraph the words "an account," and inserting the words "the names." We recommend nonconcurrence.

8. No. 6 from calendar. This is a memorial from the Kentucky Conference. It is a request that the General Conference "recognize the office of evangelist," and provide laws for their government. We recommend nonconcurrence.

Respectfully submitted:

J. M. MASON, *Chairman*.

CHAS. W. WHITE, *Secretary*.

Committee
on Educa-
tion, Re-
port No. 1.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Education was taken from the calendar.

W. P. Lovejoy moved that the report be read and considered item by item, and the motion prevailed.

Items 1-6
adopted.

Item No. 1 was read and adopted.

Item No. 2 was read and adopted.

Item No. 3 was read and adopted.

Item No. 4 was read and adopted.

Item No. 5 was read and adopted.

Item No. 6 was read and adopted.

Item No. 7 was read.

Warren's
motion.

G. J. Warren, of the Missouri Conference, moved to lay Item No. 7 on the table.

Smith's point
of order.

W. W. Smith, Chairman of the Committee on Education, made the point of order that he, as chairman of said committee, had the right to a concluding speech. The Chair ruled the point well taken.

Chair not
sustained.

J. M. Mason, of the Alabama Conference, appealed

from the decision of the Chair, and the decision of the Chair was not sustained. MAY 14.
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The motion to lay Item No. 7 on the table then re- Warren's
curred, and the motion was lost. motion
lost.

R. G. Waterhouse, of the Holston Conference, moved that Item No. 7 of the report be now adopted.

J. W. Newman moved the pending question, and it prevailed.

Item No. 7 was adopted.

J. J. Tigert, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, moved the adoption of the report as a whole, and the motion prevailed. Item 7
adopted.
The report
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, REPORT NO. 1.

The Committee on Education, having had under consideration a memorial from the Central Board of Education, requesting certain changes in the Disciplinary law governing the Board, and also a memorial of a similar character from the Board of Education of the Tennessee Conference, report thereon as follows:

1. We recommend that in ¶ 403, line 6, the word "seven" shall be substituted for "nine," and in lines 7 and 8 the words "annual meeting and seven at any called" be stricken out, so that the sentence shall read: "seven of the members being present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for business."

2. In ¶ 406 strike out lines 6 and 7, and insert in place thereof: "who shall also act as Treasurer unless otherwise provided by the Board. All of these officers shall perform the duties usually devolving upon such officers." So that the paragraph shall read:

"¶ 406. Art. IV. The Board shall meet as soon as practicable upon call of the member first elected, and shall elect from its own members a President, a Vice President, and a Recording Secretary, who shall also act as Treasurer unless otherwise provided by the Board. All of these officers shall perform the duties devolving upon such officers."

3. To ¶ 410 add the sentence: "The assessment for the Central Board of Education (¶ 411, Art. IX.) shall be combined with the Conference educational assessment, and the amount collected shall be divided *pro rata*." So that the entire paragraph shall read:

"¶ 410. Art. VIII. Each Annual Conference shall make an assessment for educational purposes, to be distributed among its charges in the same way as other Conference assessments, and applied by the contributing Conference to such educational work as it may desire to foster, but donors may give special di-

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rection to their contributions. The assessment for the General Board of Education (§ 411, Art. IX.) shall be combined with the Conference educational assessment, and the amount collected shall be divided *pro rata*."

4. In § 412, lines 5 to 11, of page 173, strike out the words, "It shall, through its officers," etc. (line 5), to the words "work now being done" (line 11) inclusive, and insert in lieu thereof: "The Board shall, through its members, agents, and Boards of Education of the Annual Conferences, seek to increase endowments and otherwise to strengthen our institutions in harmony with the general educational policy of the Church; to correlate existing institutions, and to originate new ones where they can be judiciously established and maintained; but in so doing the Board shall not create or assume any debt beyond resources actually in hand and applicable to such purposes." So that the entire sentence shall read: "The Board shall, through its members, agents, and Boards of Education of the Annual Conferences, seek to increase endowments and otherwise to strengthen our institutions in harmony with the general educational policy of the Church; to correlate existing institutions, and to originate new ones where they can be judiciously established and maintained; but in so doing the Board shall not create any debt beyond resources actually in hand and applicable to such purposes."

5. Add to § 59 (page 39) the words, "and *provided further*, that no college or university shall be adopted without the concurrent recommendation of the General Board of Education." So that the entire proviso shall read: "*provided*, that no institution shall be taken under the care of the Church without first being adopted by the Annual Conference on the recommendation of the Conference Board of Education: and *provided further*, that no college or university shall be adopted without the concurrent recommendation of the General Board of Education."

6. In § 87, page 49, Question 15, after the word "report," and still within the bracket, insert the words, "answering the following questions, required by § 136, Ans. 17: 1. Has the sermon on Christian education been preached in every congregation? 2. Has Children's Day been observed? 3. Has Education Day, if ordered by the Annual Conference, been observed? 4. Has the Educational collection been taken? 5. What students from the charge are attending our Church schools, and who are attending other institutions?" Also change the figure in brackets from [2] to [3]. So that the entire paragraph shall read:

"15. What is doing for the cause of education? (Let the preacher in charge make a written report answering the following questions: 1. Has the sermon on Christian education, required in § 136, Ans. 17, been preached in every congregation? 2.

Has Children's Day been observed? 3. Has Education Day, if ordered by the Annual Conference, been observed? 4. Has the collection for education been taken? 5. What students from the charge are attending our Church schools, and who are attending other institutions?" [3]

7. At the end of Chapter XII., page 173, add, as a new paragraph:

¶ 414. There shall be a commission of ten practical educators, appointed quadrennially by the College of Bishops, who shall prescribe the minimum requirements for the Baccalaureate degree in the colleges belonging to our Church, and also the minimum requirements for admission to the class of the first year, usually called the freshman class, in said colleges. This commission shall at least once in every four years report to the Board of Education its work; and it shall then be the duty of the Board to classify all the educational institutions of our Church, and to designate each as university, college, or academy (or secondary school), according to the relation of the work done by it to the standards thus established by the commission, and to use this classification in the official lists of the educational institutions of our Church."

Respectfully submitted:

WM. W. SMITH, *Chairman.*

C. E. DOWMAN, *Secretary.*

On motion of J. J. Tigert, the Conference adjourned.

Adjournment.

The doxology was sung; and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. W. S. Griffin, fraternal delegate from the Methodist Church in Canada.

TENTH DAY, MONDAY, MAY 16, 1898.

Conference met at the usual hour, Bishop Fitzgerald in the chair.

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Religious service was conducted by M. J. Cofer, of the North Georgia Conference.

Conference meets.
Religious service.
Minutes approved.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

Bishop Granbery took the chair.

Bp. Granbery presides.

Reports of standing committees were called for, but none were presented.

Reports of special committees were called for, but none were presented.

The roll of the Conferences was called for appeals, memorials, and petitions, and the following were presented:

Appeals, memorials, and petitions.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—A memorial asking chan-

MAY 16. ges in the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on
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NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A petition concerning collection for the American Bible Society. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

M. R. Smith
seated.

M. R. Smith, lay delegate from the St. Louis Conference, was announced as present, and recognized and seated.

Resolutions.

A call of the Conferences for resolutions was made, and the following were presented :

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning money in the hands of the Book Agents. Referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

JAPAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning the Committee on Admissions in the Mission Conferences. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

Thanks.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote :

Whereas in the excursion of Saturday evening, given the members of this General Conference and their families, they are brought under renewed obligation to the thoughtful and painstaking Local Committee on Entertainment; therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due and hereby tendered the courteous Chairman of the Local Committee on Entertainment, Robert Magruder, and his associates—especially the ladies—for the delightful recreation afforded in a visit to Annapolis, the state capital and site of the Naval Academy, and the exhilarating ride on the Chesapeake, aboard the commodious and elegant steamer "Louise."

JNO. H. McLEAN,
JNO. J. TIGERT.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning the coming Ecumenical Conference, presented by J. O. Willson. Referred to the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution, signed by C. E. Dowman and J. W. Hinton, proposing to change the Discipline so as to allow a presiding elder to appoint a traveling elder to preside in a Quarterly Conference. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Committee
on Educa-
tion, Re-
port No. 2.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Education was taken from the calendar. The Secretary moved that

the report be taken up item by item, and the motion **MAY 16.**
prevailed. **TENTH DAY.**

Item No. 1 was read and adopted.

Items 1-4
adopted.

Item No. 2 was read and adopted.

Item No. 3 was read and adopted.

Item No. 4 was read and adopted.

The report as a whole was, on motion, adopted, as follows: **The report adopted.**

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, REPORT NO. 2.

1. The Committee on Education has had under consideration a memorial from the Arkansas Conference, asking that a plan of correspondence-instruction be provided by the General Board of Education to assist undergraduate preachers in the prosecution of their studies in the Conference course, and recommends nonconcurrence.

2. The committee has also considered the petition of Texas College for financial aid, which was referred to it by the Conference, and reports that no action is necessary, the matter being in the power of the Board of Education.

3. The committee has also carefully considered a memorial from the Theological Faculty of Vanderbilt University, requesting that applicants for admission to any Annual Conference shall be excused from examination on that part of the Course of Study which they may be certified to have completed in that department of the university to the satisfaction of its faculty. We recommend nonconcurrence.

4. The committee begs leave to return to the Conference a resolution regarding the Course of Study prescribed by the Discipline, which was signed by C. M. Bishop, Jno. J. Tigert, and W. H. Winton, and ask that it be referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Respectfully submitted: **WM. W. SMITH, Chairman.**
C. E. DOWMAN, Secretary.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Church Extension was taken up. **Committee on Church Extension, Report No. 2.**

On motion, the report was recommitted, because defective. **Recommitted.**

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Boundaries was taken up, and, on motion, was considered item by item. **Committee on Boundaries, Report No. 3.**

Item No. 1 was read and adopted.

Item No. 2 was read and adopted.

Item No. 3 was read and adopted.

On motion, the report as a whole was adopted, as follows: **Adopted.**

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COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES, REPORT NO. 3.

1. We have had under consideration a memorial from the Council Grove District Conference, Western Annual Conference, requesting that the Atchison District, and Council Grove Station, Kelso Circuit, Bucyrus and Stillwell Circuits, of the Council Grove District, Western Annual Conference, be attached to the Southwest Missouri Conference, and the remaining territory of the Council Grove District to the Indian Mission Conference; also a counter memorial from the Atchison District Conference, praying that the boundary lines of the Western Conference be not disturbed. We recommend non-concurrence in the former and concurrence in the latter.

2. Touching resolutions signed by Seth Ward, E. W. Solomon, J. D. Campbell, and H. C. Pritchett, delegates from the Texas Conference, to amend ¶ 482 of the Discipline, defining the southern boundary of the Northwest Texas Conference to be the south line of Navarro, Hill, McClellan, Coryell, and Lampasas Counties; and a counter memorial from the Mission Board of the Northwest Texas Conference, and resolutions by the Northwest Texas Conference delegation, protesting against transferring territory of the Northwest Texas Conference to the Texas Conference, we recommend that ¶ 482 of the Discipline be not amended, and that the southern boundary of the Northwest Texas Conference remain as it now is.

3. We recommend nonconcurrence in a resolution of S. G. Preston and E. B. Hawkins, requesting the adjustment of lines between the Western Virginia, Holston, and Baltimore Conferences, so as to include the counties of McDowell, Mercer, Summers, Monroe, Greenbrier, and Pocahontas, in the Western Virginia Conference; and concurrence in counter memorials from the Lewisburg District Conference, and the Baltimore Annual Conference, protesting against the proposed change.

C. G. ANDREWS, *Chairman*.
JNO. R. NELSON, *Secretary*.

Dr. Hunt
introduced.

Dr. A. S. Hunt, Secretary of the American Bible Society, was introduced to the Conference.

Committee
on Sunday
Schools, Re-
port No. 3,
adopted.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read and adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS, REPORT NO. 3.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools have carefully considered the resolution submitted by J. R. Pepper and M. W. Hall, requesting and authorizing the publication of the Senior Sunday-school Quarterly in the German language, and we respectfully recommend that the entire matter be referred to the Book Committee, to be disposed of as they deem best.

J. R. PEPPER, *Chairman*.
J. H. HINEMON, *Secretary*.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Sunday Schools **MAY 16.**
was read. **TENTH DAY.**

F. D. Swindell, of the North Carolina Conference,
offered an amendment, as follows: **Committee
on Sunday
Schools,
Report
No. 4.**

Amend, by adding the following at the end of ¶ 247, "when such organization will not interfere with the Juvenile work of the Woman's Board," so that ¶ 247, page 107, shall read: "Let every Sunday school be organized into a missionary society auxiliary to the Board of Missions, when such organization will not interfere with the Juvenile work of the Woman's Board." **Swindell's
amend-
ment.**

F. D. SWINDELL,
JNO. J. TIGERT.

A motion to lay the amendment of F. D. Swindell on the table was lost by a vote of 63 for to 88 against.

Daniel Collier, of the North Alabama Conference, moved the pending question, and the motion prevailed.

The question recurred on the amendment, and it was lost. **Lost.**

The question recurring on the report, W. W. Smith, of the Virginia Conference, offered the following amendment: **Smith's
amend-
ment.**

In place of the words, "when such organization will not interfere," substitute the words, "in such manner, however, as not to interfere."

J. W. Newman, of the North Alabama Conference, rose to the point of order that the matter of this amendment had been disposed of in the last vote.

The Chair ruled that the point was not well taken.

On motion, the amendment of W. W. Smith was laid on the table. **Laid on the
table.**

F. D. Swindell, of the North Carolina Conference, offered the following amendment: **Swindell's
second
amend-
ment.**

Amend by striking out the word "concurrence," and insert "nonconcurrence," so that it shall read, "We recommend non-concurrence."

F. D. SWINDELL,
WM. H. FREEMAN.

E. A. Yates moved to lay the whole matter on the table. **Yates's
motion.**

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J. J. Tigert, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, rose to the point of order that the motion was not in order, as the amendment only was before the House. The Chair ruled that the point was not well taken.

Lost.

The motion of E. A. Yates was lost.

Swindell's
amendment
tabled.

The amendment, on motion of F. A. Quillian, of the North Georgia Conference, was laid on the table by a vote of 96 for to 84 against.

Previous
question
ordered.

On motion of F. A. Quillian, the previous question was ordered.

The report
adopted.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Sunday Schools was adopted by a vote of 115 for to 90 against, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS, REPORT NO. 4.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools have considered the memorial from the Board of Missions, asking that the Discipline, page 107, § 247, be amended by striking out the words "so far as practicable," and inserting instead the following language: "Let every Sunday school be organized into a missionary society auxiliary to the Board of Missions." We recommend concurrence.

J. R. PEPPER, *Chairman.*

J. H. HINEMON, *Secretary.*

Dr. Berry
introduced.

Dr. J. F. Berry, clerical fraternal delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced.

Committee on
Episcopacy,
Report
No. 6.

J. H. Pritchett, Chairman of the Committee on Episcopacy, asked permission to present Report No. 6 of the Committee on Episcopacy, and that the report be considered at once.

Swindell's
motion
prevails.

The report
adopted.

On motion of F. D. Swindell, of the North Carolina Conference, it was taken up out of its order, and the report was adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY, REPORT NO. 6.

Your committee, having had under consideration Report No. 3 of the Committee on Itinerancy, referred to us by the General Conference, beg leave to report as follows:

1. We had carefully and prayerfully considered all the facts contained in and alluded to in the report of the Committee on Itinerancy, before we offered to this General Conference our Report No. 3.

2. We are satisfied that the action of the presiding bishop in the matter under consideration was in accordance with the

letter of the law, and in so far as it seemed to depart from the spirit of the law it was a conscientious effort to meet an exigency which from his point of view could not have been met otherwise.

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3. Your committee has no fear that this case will ever assume the prominence and force of a precedent in the Church.

Respectfully submitted:

J. H. PRITCHETT, *Chairman.*

W. L. NELMS, *Secretary.*

On motion of J. H. Pritchett, the following resolution was laid on the table by a vote of 120 for to 63 against:

Willson's
resolution
tabled.

Inasmuch as the itinerancy is essential to Episcopal Methodism,

Resolved, That no circumstances or conditions, except those named in our Discipline, warrant the appointment of a preacher to a charge for more than four successive years, or indirect arrangements to secure the continuance of service for more than four successive years.

JOHN O. WILLSON,
S. E. PRINCE.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Temperance was read, as follows:

Committee
on Tem-
perance,
Report
No. 2.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE, REPORT NO. 2.

We have considered the resolution signed by C. W. Carter and J. N. Pharr, of the Louisiana Conference, to wit:

"Whereas the women of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union are Christians, and are trying to help the Church by their efforts to uplift humanity,

"Resolved, That we as a Church indorse the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in the work of organizing the women, educating the children as to the effects of alcohol on their bodies, and using all their efforts to induce the men to lead sober and godly lives; that we earnestly commend their workers and organizers to the pastors and Church members, asking them to give these good women all the assistance they can in their work."

We recommend nonconcurrence.

E. C. REEVES, *Chairman.*
W. C. BLACK, *Secretary.*

W. C. Black, of the Mississippi Conference, offered the following substitute:

Black's
substitute.

We recommend that we strike out the words "we nonconcur," and add the following:

Resolved, That we indorse the Woman's Christian Temper-

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W. C. BLACK,	J. S. OAKLEY,
T. A. KERLEY,	T. W. LEWIS,
D. C. KELLEY,	W. J. COLLIER,
S. B. WATTS,	H. B. McGEHEE,
C. W. CARTER,	A. H. GEORGE,
J. N. PHARR,	S. H. WERLEIN,
WM. H. LAPRADE,	R. G. WATERHOUSE,
F. N. PARKER,	W. W. SMITH,
R. W. JONES,	F. D. SWINDELL.

Brooks's
amendment
to substi-
tute ac-
cepted.

J. R. Brooks, of the Western North Carolina Confer-
ence, offered the following amendment to the substi-
tute, which was accepted by the movers :

To amend by adding, "and their other benevolent work," to
"their temperance work."

Brown's
amend-
ment.

Alex. G. Brown, of the Virginia Conference, moved
the following amendment :

Provided, that this commendation does not apply to the work
of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in behalf of wom-
an's suffrage.

A. G. BROWN,
W. E. EDWARDS,
A. POWELL GARLAND.

Swindell's
motion to
recommit.

F. D. Swindell, of the North Carolina Conference,
moved to recommit the report.

Laid on the
table.

E. E. Hoss, of the Holston Conference, moved that
the motion to recommit be laid on the table, and the
motion prevailed.

Brown's
amend-
ment lost.

The vote was taken on A. G. Brown's amendment,
and the amendment was lost by a vote of 21 for to 168
against.

Black's sub-
stitute
adopted.

The vote was taken on the substitute offered by W.
C. Black, and the substitute as amended was adopted.

General
Conference
picture.

The following resolution was adopted :

Whereas it is desirable to secure, in a group, a correct picture
of as many of the members of this General Conference as pos-
sible,

Resolved, That we recommend that all the members of this
body comply with the request of Mr. William Ashman, pho-
tographer, by going to his office, 16 West Lexington street, and
having their pictures taken.

G. W. WILSON,
WM. A. FREEMAN,
ANDREW HUNTER.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.—A memorial was presented proposing to amend ¶ 76 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

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Memorial
from Pa-
cific Con-
ference.

Dr. W. S. Griffin, the fraternal delegate from the Methodist Church in Canada, was introduced and took his leave of the Conference.

Dr. Griffin
takes leave.

E. E. Hoss, of the Holston Conference, presented a verbal report of his mission to the Methodist Church in Canada, as the fraternal delegate of our Church.

Hoss's re-
port as
fraternal
delegate.

A resolution proposing to amend ¶ 87 of the Discipline was referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Resolution.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Finance was read and adopted, as follows:

Committee
on Fi-
nance, Re-
port No. 3.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, REPORT NO. 3.

Your Committee on Finance have considered a memorial from the Northwest Texas Conference, asking for the adoption of the Financial Register, or Steward's Book, by the Rev. R. V. Gal-
loway, and respectfully recommend nonconcurrence.

E. W. COLE, *Chairman.*
J. D. CLARY, *Secretary.*

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Finance was read and adopted, as follows:

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, REPORT NO. 4.

Your Committee on Finance have considered a memorial from Warner Moore, R. H. Mahon, J. R. Pepper, and others, asking for some method of securing accurate records of the work of stewards, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the Stewards' Collection Book, prepared by the Rev. G. W. Wil-
son.

E. W. COLE, *Chairman.*
J. D. CLARY, *Secretary.*

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Epworth League was taken up, and, on motion, the report was considered item by item.

Committee
on Ep-
worth
League,
Report
No. 2.
Item 1.

Item No. 1 was read.

W. P. Lovejoy, of the North Georgia Conference, moved that the memorial be concurred in, reversing the report of the committee on Item No. 1, and making ¶ 81 read as follows:

Lovejoy's
amend-
ment.

¶ 81. To superintend the interests of Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues and the instruction of children, and to elect superintendents of Sunday schools and presidents of Epworth

MAY 16. Leagues at the fourth Quarterly Conference of each year, on
TENTH DAY. recommendation of the preacher in charge. W. P. LOVEJOY,
 T. A. KERLEY.

Tabled. E. W. Solomon, of the Texas Conference, moved that the amendment be tabled, and the motion prevailed.

Pending question ordered. The pending question was moved by J. W. Boswell, of the North Mississippi Conference, and the call was sustained.

Item 1 adopted. The question recurred on the item, and Item No. 1 of the report was adopted.

Item 2. Mason's amendment. Item No. 2 was read, and J. M. Mason, of the Alabama Conference, moved as an amendment that the words "if eligible" be substituted by "if male members of the Church."

Tabled. F. A. Quillian, of the North Georgia Conference, moved to lay the amendment on the table, and the motion prevailed.

Waterhouse's amendment tabled. R. G. Waterhouse, of the Holston Conference, moved to amend by striking out the words "if eligible." On motion, the amendment was laid on the table.

Whisner's amendment. P. H. Whisner, of the Baltimore Conference, moved nonconcurrence in this item of the report.

J. J. N. Kenney, of the Los Angeles Conference, moved the pending question, and it was so ordered.

Lost. The question recurred on the amendment of P. H. Whisner, and the amendment was lost by a vote of 53 for to 106 against.

Item 2 adopted. Item 2 was adopted.

Item 3 adopted. Item 3 was read and adopted.

Item 4 adopted. Item 4 was read and adopted.

Item 5 adopted. Item 5 was read and adopted.

The report adopted. On motion of Rumsey Smithson, of the Baltimore Conference, the report as a whole was adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON EPWORTH LEAGUE, REPORT NO. 2.

I. Your committee have had before them a memorial from the Tennessee Annual Conference, asking that the Presidents of Epworth Leagues be elected by the Quarterly Conference. We recommend nonconcurrence.

II. Also a memorial from the South Carolina and Virginia Annual Conferences, asking that the Presidents of Epworth

Leagues be made members of the Quarterly Conference. We MAY 16.
recommend concurrence, and suggest the following changes in Tenth Day.
the Discipline:

(1) In ¶ 77, page 45, in answer to Question 1, after the words "Secretaries of Church Conferences," add the words, "and Presidents of Senior Epworth Leagues, if eligible"; so that the paragraph, as amended, will read: "All the traveling and local preachers, including superannuated preachers residing within the circuit or station (whether without or within the limits of the Annual Conferences to which they belong), with the exhorters, stewards, trustees, who are members of the Church, and class leaders of the respective circuits, stations, and missions, together with the superintendents of Sunday schools who are members of the Church, Secretaries of Church Conferences, and Presidents of Senior Epworth Leagues, if eligible, and none others."

(2) Add to the questions now asked in the Quarterly Conference the following: "Who are confirmed as officers of the Epworth Leagues?"

(3) Add to ¶ 81, page 46, the following words: "and to confirm the officers of the Epworth Leagues at the Conference next succeeding their election"; so that the paragraph, as amended, shall read: "To superintend the interests of the Sunday schools and the instruction of children, to elect superintendents of Sunday schools at the fourth Quarterly Conference of each year, on nomination of the preacher in charge, and to confirm the officers of the Epworth Leagues at the Conference next succeeding their election."

III. A memorial from the Birmingham District Conference, asking "to change the name of the Department of Worship to 'Christian Endeavor.'" We recommend nonconcurrence.

IV. (1) A memorial, signed by W. P. Lovejoy, J. F. Mixon, and W. A. Candler, asking that in ¶ 249, page 108, after the word "literature," these words be inserted, "and in the missionary work of the Church"; so that the paragraph, as amended, shall read: "Let Epworth Leagues be organized in our congregations for the promotion of piety and loyalty to our Church among the young people; their education in the Bible and Christian literature, and in the missionary work of the Church; and their encouragement in works of grace and charity, to be conducted under the provisions of the following constitution."

(2) In ¶ 250, page 109, ninth line from the bottom, strike out the words, "They shall also provide for the organization of Junior Leagues."

We recommend concurrence in the first item, and nonconcurrence in the second.

V. A memorial from the Columbia District, Tennessee An-

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nual Conference, asking for the absorption of the Epworth League work by the Sunday-school department, and the consolidation of the Epworth League and Sunday-school papers. We recommend nonconcurrence.

A. COKE SMITH, *Chairman.*

JNO. M. BARCUS, *Secretary.*

Reception of
Dr. W. T.
Davison.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Wednesday, May 18, at 11:30 A.M., be fixed as the time for hearing the fraternal address of Dr. W. T. Davison, of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference.

W. B. MURRAH,

F. D. SWINDELL.

Deaf mutes.

W. B. Palmore, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, presented a paper touching the evangelization of deaf mutes, and, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Missions.

Conference
boundaries
in Arkan-
sas.

The following paper was adopted:

The delegations of the Arkansas, Little Rock, and White River Conferences, all in the State of Arkansas, held a meeting on May 14, and by unanimous vote decided to ask for the absorption of the White River Conference by the Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences.

We therefore pray that this General Conference permit the matter to be brought before these Conferences at their sessions this year, and if a majority of each shall agree, they shall appoint a commission of three from each Conference, with instructions to report a plan whereby the White River Conference shall be absorbed, which, when approved by a majority of the three Conferences concerned, shall become effective.

J. R. MOORE,

J. W. MADDUX,

J. A. ANDERSON,

J. M. JENKINS,

J. H. DYE,

J. H. HINEMON,

S. H. BABCOCK,

J. D. CLARY,

A. L. MALONE,

J. H. RIGGIN,

R. R. JAMES,

A. HUNTER,

F. S. H. JOHNSTON,

G. W. HILL.

Leave of
absence.

E. B. Hawkins, of the Western Virginia Conference, was granted leave of absence.

A motion to adjourn was lost by a vote of 43 for to 96 against.

Leave of absence was granted J. H. Hinemon, of the Little Rock Conference; A. L. Malone, of the White River Conference; R. O. Purdy, of the South Carolina Conference; and James F. Browinski, of the Kentucky Conference.

J. E. Wright, of the Kentucky Conference, was appointed on the Committee on Church Extension instead of J. F. Browinski, and L. B. Haynes, of the South Carolina Conference, on the Committee on Temperance instead of R. O. Purdy.

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Committee changes.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

Adjournment.

The doxology was sung. The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Albert S. Hunt, Secretary of the American Bible Society.

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Conference met at the usual hour, Bishop Granbery in the chair.

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Religious service was conducted by W. C. Black, of the Mississippi Conference.

Conference meets.
Religious service.

The minutes of the session of yesterday were read and approved.

Minutes approved.

Bishop Wilson took the chair.

Bp. Wilson presides.

E. T. Hodges, of the South Carolina Conference, reserve delegate, was recognized and seated in place of J. A. Rice, absent, and placed on the Committee on Revisals *vice* J. A. Rice.

The call for reports was made, and Report No. 7 of the Committee on Episcopacy was read, taken up out of its order, and adopted unanimously by a rising vote, as follows:

Committee on Episcopacy, Report No. 7.

COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY, REPORT NO. 7.

We are called upon to make official and formal record of the death of one of the most remarkable men who has appeared in the history of American Methodism—Bishop Atticus Greene Haygood.

He was born at Watkinsville, Ga., November 19, 1839, and fell asleep at his home in Oxford, Sunday morning, January 13, 1896. Into the fifty-six years of his life he crowded work enough to have engaged a strong man for more than three-score and ten years. He might have lived longer, but not more usefully, if he had toiled less intensely.

He came of strong Methodist stock, and at the age of fifteen years he was converted and joined the Church. Even in his youth were manifested the marked traits of generosity, will-power, and devotion to the Church which characterized him as a man. When it was proposed to erect a larger and more commodious house of worship for the Church in Atlanta, of which

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he was a member, he subscribed, although a mere boy, the sum of \$25, and hired himself to the contractor as a hod-carrier in order to pay the subscription. The young shoulders of the lad, which thus early bowed under burdens for the Church, were never thereafter free.

At the opening of the fall term of Emory College in 1856 he was matriculated as a member of the sophomore class, and was graduated with distinction in the class of 1859. Among his college intimates were Dr. John W. Heidt, Dr. Isaac S. Hopkins, and Dr. Young J. Allen. Strong men were his associates in college, and he was the peer of the strongest.

He was admitted on trial into the Georgia Conference at its session held in Rome, Ga., December, 1859, and at once took high rank among his brethren, seeing service on circuits, stations, and districts. During the war between the states he was for a time a chaplain in the army of Virginia.

In 1866 the Georgia Conference was divided into two Conferences, making what are now known as the North Georgia and the South Georgia Conferences. In the division he became a member of the former. From the first he was a trusted and worthy leader in the body, and was elected a delegate to the General Conference which met at Memphis, Tenn., May, 1870. Though not more than thirty-one years of age at the time, he had already impressed and widely influenced the Church by his preaching and by his contributions to the Church press, especially with reference to Sunday schools and religious education, and he was by that General Conference elected Sunday-school Secretary. To this new office was committed the superintendence of the entire department of Sunday-school literature; and his election to it marks a distinct era in the history of Sunday-school work in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. When he began his work, in August, 1870, our only Sunday-school periodical was the *Sunday School Visitor*. There were no uniform lessons or lesson helps. When he laid down the work, December, 1875, we had the *Visitor* (with a largely increased circulation), the *Sunday School Magazine*, and *Our Little People*. He laid out his own scheme of uniform lessons (a most admirable system), and expounded them in "Illustrative Readings," "Notes," and "Questions," with a brilliance and power never surpassed by any editor of such periodicals. Of this work the Virginia Conference said by resolution: "These periodicals give great satisfaction to our people. They fully meet our wants, and an examination of them does not fail to bring us to the conclusion that they are equal to any in the land." To the same effect testified all the Annual Conferences and many District Conferences. The constantly increasing circulation of our Sunday-school periodicals under his editorship was practical

demonstration of the correctness of the estimate put upon his work by the Conferences.

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While Sunday-school Secretary he edited a number of most excellent books for Sunday-school libraries; not feeble story books, but bright, strong biographies and histories, adapted to the taste and capacity of young readers. With his friend, Professor R. M. McIntosh, he brought out that most popular Sunday-school music book, the "Amaranth," which was followed by the "Emerald" and others. These books set all the Sunday schools singing with new life and melody.

The climate of Middle Tennessee threatened the health and life of the wife whom he loved with knightly tenderness; and hence, in November, 1874, he removed his family to Oxford, Ga., the home of her childhood, and where only she has ever had tolerable health. From Oxford he edited the Sunday-school periodicals for more than a year with undiminished efficiency. But this enforced change of residence led to his resignation of the office of Sunday-school Secretary, on September 10, 1875, the same taking effect at the end of the year.

Freed from this work, which he executed with such marked ability, his *alma mater* became his next care, Emory College calling him to its presidency in December, 1875. In this position he served nine years, and his work as an educator surpassed even his editorial success. When he took charge of the institution its patronage was small, its insufficient buildings and grounds were encumbered with debt, and its endowment was less than \$15,000. When he laid down his work, the halls of the college overflowed with students, the bulk of the debts were paid, its buildings had been increased by a central structure costing \$50,000, and its endowment had risen to \$100,000. This was done during the unprosperous years from 1875 to 1884.

From 1878 to 1882, while still President of Emory College, he edited the *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*, the official organ of the Georgia and Florida Conferences at that time. Meantime he also wrote that charming book, "Our Children," and that epoch-making treatise, "Our Brother in Black." As one said of Sir Walter Raleigh, "He could toil terribly." He reveled in work.

By the General Conference which met at Nashville, Tenn., he was elected to the office of bishop, May 16, 1882, but declined ordination. With characteristic frankness and simplicity he gave to the Conference, on May 17, his reason for declining, in these words: "I am deeply moved by your action of yesterday in electing me a bishop of our beloved Church. Though I might fear the responsibilities of the office, I do not shrink from the labors. Yet, with a clear conviction and a deep sense of my duty, I respectfully decline to accept the position to

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which you have called me. I cannot with a good conscience lay down the work which I now have in hand." He felt bound to the college until difficulties affecting its best success, if not its very existence, were removed. He did not quit its service until the results upon which he had set his heart were accomplished.

When, by the munificence of Mr. John F. Slater, of Norwich, Conn., the fund now known as the "John F. Slater Fund" was created, the agency of that great interest was offered to him. At first he declined it, and suggested the name of another minister of our Church for the place. At the instance of Mr. Slater the trustees of the fund continued, however, to urge him to accept. Men conspicuous in the service of both Church and State united with the trustees to persuade him to undertake the work, and finally he accepted the agency. With what signal ability he discharged the duties of that high trust is known to all.

In the year 1890 he was again elected a bishop by the General Conference assembled in St. Louis, Mo., and was ordained. As soon thereafter as it could properly be done, he resigned the agency of the "Slater Fund," and thenceforth gave himself wholly to the work of the episcopal office.

The foregoing is in brief outline the history of a man uncommonly endowed and abundant in labors.

As a preacher he had few equals. He combined the suggestiveness of Frederick Robertson with the spirituality and robust common sense of Charles H. Spurgeon. His powers of exposition were unusual, and he was especially fond of expository preaching. His discourses were characterized by a clear, concise, cogent style, fragrant with Anglo-Saxon sweetness.

No man in Southern Methodism has written more and better than Atticus Greene Haygood. His contributions to the pages of our periodicals were numerous and valuable. Out of each great task of his life came some noble volume. From his work as Sunday-school Secretary came "Our Children"; from his studies and lectures as a college professor came that best of all his books, "The Man of Galilee," than which there is no better argument for the divinity of Christ in the English language; from his work as college president and editor of the *Wesleyan Christian Advocate* came "Our Brother in Black," "Sermons and Addresses," and "Pleas for Progress"; from his many-sided services as a bishop came "Jack-Knife and Brambles" and "The Monk and the Prince." He purposed to write another: "Show Us the Father." Would that the ever-busy hand might have finished this work also! Few students of the word have seen more clearly the fatherhood of God, or proclaimed the glorious truth with such persuasive eloquence.

He was writing still when the fatal stroke stopped the tire-

less pen in the middle of an article left at his death half done on his desk. Worn and wearied, he fell down by the wayside as at nightfall when it was but little past noontide, and found at last the rest which he had always denied himself. "And the pilgrim they laid in a chamber whose window opened toward the sunrising; the name of that chamber was Peace, where he sleeps till the break of day."

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Your committee offer for adoption:

Resolved, 1. That by the death of Bishop Haygood the Church has sustained the loss of an eminent and honored servant, whose departure we lament.

2. That we record our high appreciation of his unusual gifts and unselfish services.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the family of our deceased Bishop, as an expression of the sympathy of this body in the bereavement which they have suffered.

J. H. PRITCHETT, *Chairman*.

W. L. NELMS, *Secretary*.

Report No. 8 of the Committee on Episcopacy was read, and placed on the calendar.

Reports of
standing
commit-
tees.

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Itinerancy was read, and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Revisals was read, and placed on the calendar.

D. C. Kelley moved that the order of the day be postponed till the reading of this report be finished, and the motion prevailed.

Order of
the day
postponed.

J. P. Strother moved to postpone the order of the day to hear reports of the Committee on Publishing Interests. The motion was carried.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read, and went to the calendar.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read, and went to the calendar.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read, and went to the calendar.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read, and went to the calendar.

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was, on motion, placed on the calendar without reading.

J. P. Branch, of the Virginia Conference, was granted leave of absence, and J. C. Parker, lay alternate, rec-

J. C. Parker
seated.

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ognized, seated, and announced as on the Committee on Church Extension.

Order on
elections.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in the election of bishops and Connectional officers the roll of Conferences shall be called, and the chairman of each delegation shall announce the number of votes cast by his delegation, and shall count the votes into the hands of the tellers.

JAMES O. BRANCH,
J. W. HINTON.

Tellers for
episcopal
election.

The following were appointed tellers for the election of bishops: J. M. Mason, Alabama Conference; J. O. Willson, South Carolina Conference; R. W. Peatross, Virginia Conference; John A. Rich, South-west Missouri Conference; T. P. Smith, East Texas Conference; John R. Pepper, Memphis Conference.

First ballot
taken.

The roll of the Conferences was called for the first ballot for the election of two bishops, and 253 votes were cast, the Chair declaring 127 necessary to a choice.

Result.

The Chair announced the result of the first ballot for bishops as follows: E. E. Hoss, 102; H. C. Morrison, 101; W. A. Candler, 100; A. Coke Smith, 42; Jno. J. Tigert, 27; J. D. Hammond, 19; R. N. Sledd, 14; J. C. Kilgo, Collins Denny, W. B. Murrah, 13 each; Jas. Atkins, 11; R. H. Mahon and W. T. Harris, 8 each; J. O. Keener, 7; J. C. Morris, 4; Seth Ward and Jas. Campbell, 3 each; J. P. Garland, Anson West, and C. W. Byrd, 2 each; P. Whitehead, A. Monk, G. Alexander, M. J. Cofer, J. C. Simmons, J. A. Anderson, J. D. Barbee, W. Knolle, E. B. Chappell, and S. H. Werlein, 1 each.

No election.

The Chair declared there was no election.

Second ballot.

The roll of the Conferences for the second ballot for the election of two bishops was called, and 255 votes were cast, the Chair declaring 128 votes necessary to a choice.

Mason's
motion to
reconsider.

Before the result of the ballot was announced, J. M. Mason, of the Alabama Conference, moved to reconsider the action deciding on the election of only two bishops.

Ruled out
of order.

The Chair ruled J. M. Mason out of order, his motion being a violation of Rule 16.

J. M. Mason moved to suspend the rule, in order that a motion to reconsider might be made.

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Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, made the point of order that all motions were out of order until the result of the ballot was announced.

Mason's motion to suspend the rule.
Whitehead's point of order.
Chair's ruling.
Whitehead's appeal.

The Chair ruled the point not well taken.

Paul Whitehead appealed from the decision of the Chair.

Chair not sustained.

The vote was taken, and the decision of the Chair was not sustained.

The Chair announced the result of the second ballot, as follows: W. A. Candler, 148; H. C. Morrison, 140; E. E. Hoss, 129; A. Coke Smith, 42; Jno. J. Tigert, 20; J. C. Kilgo and R. H. Mahon, 6 each; James Atkins, 4; J. D. Hammond, 3; T. A. Kerley, J. C. Morris, and Collins Denny, 2 each; D. C. Kelley and Young J. Allen, 1 each.

Result of second ballot.

The Chair declared Warren A. Candler, of the North Georgia Conference, and Henry Clay Morrison, of the Louisville Conference, elected Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Candler and Morrison elected.

J. M. Mason, of the Alabama Conference, again moved to suspend the rule, that the action of the Conference in deciding on the election of two bishops might be reconsidered.

Mason renews motion to suspend the rule.

J. E. Wright, of the Kentucky Conference, moved to lay the motion of J. M. Mason on the table, and the motion to lay on the table was lost by a vote of 102 for to 126 against.

Wright's motion to table lost.

J. E. Wright moved to adjourn. His motion did not prevail.

Wright's motion to adjourn lost.
Mason's motion lost.

The question then recurred on the suspension of the rule. J. M. Mason's motion failed of the requisite two-thirds' majority, and the rule was not suspended.

J. O. Keener, of the Alabama Conference, moved to declare this whole election void, and that the Conference vote for one man at a time.

Keener's motion.

W. L. Nelms moved as a substitute that this General Conference declare E. E. Hoss elected bishop.

Nelms's substitute.

R. N. Price, of the Holston Conference, raised the point of order that this substitute was out of order, as

Price's point of order.

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the General Conference had already *decided* to elect only two bishops.

The time
extended.

W. L. Nelms moved to extend the time till this matter was decided. His motion prevailed, and the time was extended.

Price's point
of order
sustained.

The Chair ruled that the point of order of R. N. Price was well taken.

Keener's mo-
tion tabled.

J. H. Pritchett, of the Missouri Conference, moved to lay the motion of J. O. Keener on the table, and the motion prevailed.

Adjourn-
ment.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Wilson.

TWELFTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1898.

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The Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Wilson in the chair.

Conference
meets.
Religious
service.

Religious service was conducted by T. F. Mangum, of the Alabama Conference.

Minutes
approved.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Bp. Hargrove
presides.
Leave of
absence.

Bishop Hargrove took the chair.

Leave of absence was granted to John C. LeGrand, of the North Alabama Conference; Sidney Bass, of the North Texas Conference; and J. D. Clary, of the Little Rock Conference, after to-day.

Committee
change.

A. J. Lamar was placed on the Committee on Sunday Schools, *vice* D. C. Turnipseed.

Paper on
death of
Dr. Ross.

Andrew Hunter, of the Little Rock Conference, announced the death of Dr. R. N. Ross, lay delegate of the Little Rock Conference, and presented the following paper, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Whereas we have heard with profound sorrow of the death of our beloved brother, Dr. R. N. Ross, a member of the Little Rock delegation to this General Conference, for many years an honored citizen of the State of Arkansas, who died at his home in Lonoke, Ark., on Sunday morning last. He was a man of lovely Christian character, exemplifying in his domestic relations all that is meant by the words husband and father, and was also "the beloved physician" and faithful local preacher in our Church.

The members of the Little Rock delegation desire to express

their sorrow. But, while our hearts are burdened, "we sorrow not as those who have no hope," one of his last utterances being, "To die is gain." Our sympathies and prayers are extended to the bereaved family and the home Church of which he was pastor.

We are especially bereaved, as we are deprived of the counsels of one so well qualified to assist in the deliberations of this Conference.

Resolved, That this General Conference join the delegation in their sorrow, and tender our sympathies and prayers.

A. HUNTER,
J. R. MOORE,
J. D. CLARY,
J. H. HINEMON,
J. H. RIGGIN.

D. S. Campbell, clerical alternate of the Louisville Conference, was recognized and seated in place of H. C. Morrison, elected bishop.

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D. S. Campbell seated.

The order of the day, the election of Connectional officers, being called, J. J. Tigert, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, moved that the Conference elect first of all the Editor of the Nashville *Christian Advocate*.

Tigert's motion.

The following substitute was offered:

Vandiver's substitute.

Resolved, That the Conference proceed to the election of Connectional officers in the following order:

1. Secretary of the Board of Church Extension.
2. Two Missionary Secretaries.
3. Book Agents.
4. Sunday-school Editor.
5. Epworth League Editor.
6. Book Editor and Editor of *The Methodist Review*.
7. Editor of the *Christian Advocate*.
8. Secretary of Education.

W. F. VANDIVER,
A. J. LAMAR.

J. J. Tigert, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, moved to amend the substitute by making the election of the Editor of the *Christian Advocate* first, and the amendment prevailed.

Tigert's amendment prevailed.

J. P. Strother moved to amend by adding the Editor of the *Pacific Methodist Advocate*.

Strother's amendment lost.

On motion, the amendment was laid on the table.

The substitute as amended was adopted.

Amended substitute adopted.

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White's
motion
prevails.

Lamar
appointed
teller.

Ballot for
Editor
*Christian
Advocate.*

C. B. Smith
seated.

Yates's
motion.

Tabled.

Reports of
standing
committees.

Result of bal-
lot for Ed-
itor of
*Christian
Advocate.*

E. E. Hoss
elected.

First ballot
for Secre-
tary of
Church
Extension.

C. W. White, of the Florida Conference, moved that the Conference proceed with other business while the tellers, with an assistant secretary, retire to count the ballot; and the motion prevailed.

A. J. Lamar was substituted for J. M. Mason as a teller.

The roll of the Conferences was called for a ballot for the election of Editor of the *Christian Advocate*; 240 votes were cast, and the Chair announced that 121 votes were necessary to elect.

S. A. Weber, of the South Carolina Conference, announced C. B. Smith, clerical alternate, *vice* E. T. Hodges, of the South Carolina Conference, alternate sitting for J. A. Rice; and he was placed on the Committee on Revisals and the Committee on Sunday Schools.

E. A. Yates, of the North Carolina Conference, moved that all speeches hereafter be limited to five minutes.

Rumsey Smithson, of the Baltimore Conference, moved that this motion be tabled. A division being called for on the motion to table, the vote stood 125 for and 52 against.

Reports of standing committees were called for, and the following were presented:

Itinerancy.—Report No. 5 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Missions.—Report No. 3 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

The Chair announced the result of the ballot for Editor of the *Christian Advocate*, as follows: E. E. Hoss, 221; W. B. Palmore, 4; W. F. Glenn and M. B. Chapman, 3 each; A. Coke Smith and J. A. Rice, 2 each; J. E. Godbey, C. Denny, Jas. Campbell, Frank Richardson, G. Alexander, and J. W. Daniel, 1 each.

E. E. Hoss, having received one hundred votes more than were necessary to a choice, the Chair declared him elected Editor of the *Christian Advocate*.

The roll of the Conferences was called for the first ballot for the election of the Secretary of Church Ex-

tension; 245 votes were cast, and the Chair announced 123 votes necessary to an election.

The call for reports of standing committees being resumed, J. D. Hammond, Chairman of the Committee on Bible Cause, moved to take up out of its order Report No. 2 of the Committee on Bible Cause, that the Conference might hear Dr. A. S. Hunt, Secretary of the American Bible Society; and the motion prevailed.

J. W. Lewis, of the Louisville Conference, presented Church Extension Report No. 1, and, without reading, it was placed on the calendar.

Bible Cause.—Report No. 2 was read, and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Pending action on this report, Dr. A. S. Hunt, of the American Bible Society, addressed the Conference in behalf of the Society.

The report was adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE, REPORT NO. 2.

Your Committee on Bible Cause beg leave to report as follows:

1. We have had before us the General Secretary of the American Bible Society, Rev. Dr. A. S. Hunt, and have heard with pleasure his statement as to the workings of that great institution. We are glad to learn that the Society, after passing through serious financial difficulties, has still made a better showing for the past year than for several years previous, and that its receipts were more than sufficient to meet all expenses. This was due, in part, to the fact that appropriations were cut down and that one large bequest was received during the year, and does not indicate that the active coöperation of its friends will not be needed to save the Society from future embarrassment.

We are glad to learn that in the reorganization of the work into seven districts the territory has been so divided that three of these districts lie in the South.

2. Heretofore too much has been drawn from the Society for the returns made to it by the Churches. We have overlooked the principle that a large benevolence can only do its work so long as it is itself fed by individual contributions. In view of the fact that it has been found necessary during the year to remove all district superintendents, it is of the greatest importance that the presiding elders and pastors should give special attention to the Bible Society collections, and see that ¶ 134 of the Discipline is carried out in every pastoral charge.

3. We commend the wisdom of the Society in adhering to

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Hammond's
motion
prevails.

Dr. A. S. Hunt
addresses
the Conference.

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its plan in publishing only plain editions of the Bible, and in the authorized text. It would be hazardous for the Society to enter into competition with private publishing houses in issuing costly editions, or to undertake to present any revised text during the present uncertain state of textual criticism.

4. We learn with pleasure that the Society is soon to issue a new edition of the Bible in the Portuguese language. This work is undertaken largely by reason of the intelligent representations of the Rev. H. C. Tucker, our missionary in Brazil, and will be of great benefit to our work in that important field, thus affording us another striking illustration of the way in which this Society aids the work of the various Churches, enabling them to accomplish what would otherwise be impossible. The edition will be used chiefly by our mission in Brazil, and furnishes an additional reason for earnest coöperation on our part with the American Bible Society.

5. In view of the foregoing representations, we pledge ourselves as a Church to renewed efforts to maintain and extend the work of this Society.

J. D. HAMMOND, *Chairman*.

E. B. CHAPPELL, *Secretary*.

Reports of
standing
committees
resumed.

The call for reports of standing committees was resumed.

Boundaries.—Report No. 4 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Sunday Schools.—Report No. 5 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Epworth League.—Report No. 3 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Report No. 4 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Appeals.—Report No. 4 was received and placed on the Journal, as follows:

Committee
on Appeals,
Report
No. 4.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS, REPORT NO. 4.

Your committee beg leave to report that we have carefully and prayerfully considered the appeal of Rev. M. S. Watts, of the Virginia Conference, and the decision of the lower court is sustained.

R. K. HARGROVE, *Chairman*.

W. T. McCCLURE, *Secretary*.

Finance.—Report No. 6 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Result of first
ballot for
Secretary
of Church
Extension.

The result of the first ballot for Secretary of Church Extension was announced by the Chair, as follows: W. B. Palmore, 62; P. H. Whisner, 52; J. M. Mason, 18;

J. H. Pritchett, 14; A. G. Brown, 13; Alonzo Monk, 11; F. Richardson, 9; J. T. Sawyer and J. H. Young, 8 each; L. L. Nash, J. C. Morris, and S. M. Hosmer, 5 each; W. F. Barclay, R. W. Browder, G. Alexander, and W. F. Quillian, 4 each; J. W. Lewis and W. P. Lovejoy, 3 each; P. Whitehead, W. L. Nelms, D. C. Kelley, and W. J. Collier, 2 each; J. S. Hutchinson, A. J. Lamar, R. G. Waterhouse, T. N. Ivey, and C. C. Woods, 1 each.

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The Chair declared there was no election.

No election.

The roll of Conferences was called for the second ballot for Secretary of Church Extension. The whole number of votes cast was 243. The Chair declared 122 necessary to a choice.

Second ballot taken.

Seth Ward moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 3 P.M.

Ward's motion.

W. L. Nelms moved to lay this on the table, and the motion prevailed.

Tabled.

The call for reports of standing committees was resumed.

Reports of standing committees resumed.

Report No. 7 of the Committee on Finance was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Report No. 8 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Report No. 9 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Report No. 10 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar,

Report No. 11 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Report No. 12 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Report No. 13 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Report No. 14 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Leave of absence was granted T. W. Lewis, of the North Mississippi Conference, after to-day, on account of sickness, and S. A. Steel, alternate, was recognized and seated in his place.

S. A. Steel seated.

James Campbell asked unanimous consent to refer

Campbell's resolution referred.

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a resolution of the delegates of the Northwest Texas Conference to the Committee on Boundaries.

The resolution was read and referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Wright's
request
granted.

J. E. Wright asked that Report No. 12 of the Committee on Finance be referred to the Committee on Revisals, and his request was granted.

Reports of
special
committees.

The roll of special committees was called, and the following reports were presented:

Sabbath Observance.—Report No. 1 was read, and, under the rules, was placed on the calendar.

Report No. 2 was read, and, under the rules, was placed on the calendar.

Order of
the day
postponed.

It was moved and carried that the order of the day be postponed until the result of the ballot be announced.

Second ballot
for Church
Extension
Secretary.

The result of the second ballot for Secretary of Church Extension was announced, as follows: P. H. Whisner, 111; W. B. Palmore, 100; J. M. Mason, 16; A. Monk, 5; A. G. Brown, 4; R. W. Browder, 2; A. J. Lamar and W. P. Lovejoy, 1 each.

No election.

The Chair declared there was no election.

Official letter
of the Wes-
leyan Meth-
odist Con-
ference.

The order of the day having arrived, the Secretary read the Official Letter of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference containing the credentials of the Rev. Dr. W. T. Davison, the fraternal delegate to this Conference from the British Wesleyan Methodist Conference, as follows:

OFFICIAL LETTER OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CONFERENCE, GREAT BRITAIN, TO THE BISHOPS AND GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Reverend and Dear Brethren: The British Wesleyan Methodist Conference, begun in Leeds, July 20, 1897, appointed the Rev. William Theophilus Davison, M.A., D.D., to be its Fraternal Messenger to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to be held in the city of Baltimore, United States of America, in the spring of 1898.

In appointing Dr. Davison to be its representative, the Conference has the fullest confidence that he will worthily fulfill the honorable duty which has been assigned to him. As a minister of our Church, he has had a marked and honorable career, both as a pastor and an educator. He is a member of the Legal Conference, and for several years has held the office of Theological Professor in one of the colleges for the training

of our ministers. His valuable contributions to Christian literature are well known on both sides of the Atlantic.

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Professor Davison will bear to you our loving salutation in the Lord; and he is authorized and is well qualified to give ample and detailed information as to the progress of the Churches under our care, both at home and abroad. We trust that his coming among you will be attended by the special blessing of the Master.

The visit of the Rev. Bishop Charles B. Galloway, D.D., to the British Conference in 1892 is remembered with much pleasure, whilst the deep interest in the work assigned by Providence to your Church, created by his eloquent and inspiring addresses, still remains. The fraternal interchanges which have already taken place between the quadrennial session of your great Church and our own Conference have been productive of much and lasting good. The bonds which bind the mother and the daughter Churches have thus been strengthened by a closer sympathy, fellowship, and love.

With fervent wishes for the prosperity of the vast and growing communities intrusted by the Head of the Church to your care, and assuring you of our high regard and warm affection,

We are, dear brethren,

On behalf and by order of the British Wesleyan Methodist Conference,

WM. L. WATKINSON, *President.*

MARSHALL HARTLEY, *Secretary.*

LONDON, 18 March, 1898.

Dr. Davison felicitously addressed the Conference. His address was received with every expression of delight and approval.

Dr. Davison's address.

(See Appendix II., Addresses of Fraternal Delegates, Document B.)

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love,

was sung at the close of Dr. Davison's address.

The roll of the Conferences was called for the third ballot for Secretary of Church Extension. The whole number of votes cast was 229, and the Chair announced 115 necessary to elect.

Third ballot for Church Extension Secretary taken.

J. O. Willson moved that the time be extended until the third ballot shall have been taken, and the motion prevailed.

Time extended.

The Conference adjourned. The doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Samuel K. Cox, of the Baltimore Conference.

Adjournment.

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EVENING SESSION.

Conference
meets.

Religious
service.

Conference met at 8. P.M., pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

Religious service was conducted by J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, who read Psalm cxxxiii., and announced Hymn 748,

Lo! what an entertaining sight
Are brethren who agree!

which was sung by the Conference. Dr. McLean then led the Conference in prayer.

Credentials
of Dr. Berry
and Mr.
Dolliver.

The Secretary read the credentials of the Rev. J. F. Berry, D.D., and the Hon. J. P. Dolliver, M. C., the fraternal delegates of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as follows:

BISHOPS' OFFICE,
150 FIFTH AVENUE,
NEW YORK, April 15, 1898.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Reverend and Very Dear Fathers and Brethren: The Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church were instructed by the General Conference held in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, in May, 1896, to appoint two Fraternal Delegates to your body, to meet in the city of Baltimore, Md., in May, 1898.

In pursuance of this instruction, they have appointed one of our foremost ministers, the Rev. Joseph F. Berry, D.D., of the Detroit Conference, and Editor of the *Epworth Herald*; and one of our most distinguished and honored laymen, the Hon. Jonathan P. Dolliver, Member of Congress from the State of Iowa, to bear to you, and through you to the Churches of your Communion, the expression of our warmest regard and sympathy.

By order and on behalf of the Board of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church. EDWARD G. ANDREWS, *Secretary*.

Dr. Berry's
address.

Bishop Hargrove introduced Dr. Berry, who addressed the Conference with point and power, and was received with every token of appreciation.

(See Appendix II., Addresses of Fraternal Delegates, Document C.)

Mr. Dolliver's
address.

Bishop Hargrove introduced the Hon. J. P. Dolliver, Member of Congress, whose eloquent address elicited enthusiastic response.

(See Appendix II., Addresses of Fraternal Delegates, Document D.)

The doxology was sung.

The benediction was pronounced by E. E. Hoss, of the Holston Conference.

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DAY.
Adjourn-
ment.

THIRTEENTH DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1898.

Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Har-
grove in the chair.

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Religious service was conducted by J. O. Branch, of the South Georgia Conference.

Conference
meets.
Religious
service.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Minutes
approved.

The minutes of the evening session were also read and approved.

J. P. Strother, of the Pacific Conference, asked unanimous consent for the consideration of the following resolution :

Mr. Glad-
stone.

Whereas the wires have brought us the news of the death of the greatest of modern statesmen, the Hon. William Ewart Gladstone, which occurred this morning at Hawarden; and whereas it is fitting here and now to record our admiration, not alone of his wonderful genius, but also of the many-sided developments of his thought and energies in behalf of every phase of civilization; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we recognize in the death of the Hon. William E. Gladstone the loss at once of a great Englishman and also of a friend of humanity everywhere; the friend of America and the prophet of her greatness; and the friend of God.—That so great and manifold have been his labors and his achievements in the field of statesmanship, of classic literature, of Christian thought, and, we may say, of prophecy of good things to come, that we could not in any brief memorial give adequate expression of our appreciation of his long and useful life as it has impressed itself upon more than two generations of his race, and will continue to impress itself upon the thought of the world to the end of time.—That we join with the stricken nation of which he was the chief ornament in life in tendering our sympathies and our sorrows at the loss, not only to the English-speaking people but to the world, of a man so great in every department of thought that engaged his attention; and we will not cease to do honor to his memory and to mingle our sorrows with our brothers across the water that his face shall be seen no more on earth.

J. P. STROTHER,
L. S. WOODS.

J. P. Strother moved the adoption of the resolution by a rising vote, and the motion prevailed.

Resolution
adopted.

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Leave of absence was granted J. B. McGehee, of the South Georgia Conference.

Leave of
absence.
Bp. Duncan
presides.

Bishop Duncan took the chair.

Result of
third bal-
lot for
Church
Extension
Secretary.
P. H. Whisner
elected.

The Chair announced the result of the third ballot for Secretary of Church Extension, as follows: P. H. Whisner, 155; W. B. Palmore, 72; J. M. Mason, 2; J. H. Pritchett, 1.

The Chair declared P. H. Whisner, of the Baltimore Conference, elected Secretary of Church Extension.

Quillian's
resolution.

F. A. Quillian, of the North Georgia Conference, presented a resolution concerning the election of Missionary Secretaries.

Anderson's
amendment.

Jas. A. Anderson, of the Arkansas Conference, moved as an amendment that of the two Secretaries elected the Board of Missions shall determine which shall be recognized as Field Secretary and which as Office Secretary.

Tabled.

On motion, the amendment of J. A. Anderson was laid on the table.

Campbell's
substitute.

Jas. Campbell moved as a substitute that the Conference vote for one at a time.

Tabled.

On motion, the substitute was laid on the table.

Quillian's
resolution
adopted.

The vote recurring on F. A. Quillian's resolution, it was adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That the General Conference vote for two Missionary Secretaries on the same ballot, and that the two receiving the highest vote be declared elected, provided no one shall be declared elected who does not receive a majority of all the votes cast.

F. A. QUILLIAN,
T. A. KERLEY.

Tellers ap-
pointed.

The Chair appointed the following tellers: T. F. Man-
gum, T. W. Jordan, J. H. Hutchinson, J. R. Moore, C.
T. Carroll, and J. A. Clifton.

First ballot
for Mission-
ary Secre-
taries.

The roll of the Conferences was called for the first ballot for the election of two Missionary Secretaries. The whole number of votes cast was 231, and the Chair declared 116 votes necessary to elect.

J. M. Barcus, one of the assistant secretaries, retired with the tellers to count the vote.

Quillian's
request.

F. A. Quillian, of the North Georgia Conference, rose to a question of privilege, asking to be allowed

to cast the ballot of an absent member of his delegation.

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Not granted.

W. M. Baskervill, of the Tennessee Conference, moved that the request be not granted, and the motion prevailed.

The call was made for reports from standing committees, and the following were presented:

Reports of
standing
commit-
tees.

Episcopacy.—Report No. 9 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Itinerancy.—Report No. 7 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Paul Whitehead presented a minority report touching Report No. 7 of the Committee on Itinerancy, which was read and placed on the calendar.

Revisals.—Report No. 5 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

S. H. Werlein presented a minority report, which was read and filed with the majority report.

The Chair announced the result of the first ballot for two Missionary Secretaries, as follows: W. R. Lambuth, 180; J. H. Pritchett, 40; W. B. Palmore, 40; J. C. Kilgo, 30; E. W. Alderson, 28; W. L. Nelms, 27; A. J. Lamar, 22; W. W. Wadsworth and R. N. Sledd, 16 each; Collins Denny, 9; F. D. Swindell and J. O. Branch, 8 each; J. O. Keener and S. A. Steel, 5 each; A. Coke Smith and M. B. Chapman, 4 each; R. H. Mahon, 3; D. C. Kelley and A. Monk, 2 each; R. D. Smart, C. W. Byrd, E. Mayes, J. H. McLean, A. G. Brown, J. C. Morris, W. E. Edwards, Gross Alexander, C. C. Woods, and Jas. Atkins, 1 each.

Result of
first ballot
for Mis-
sionary
Secreta-
ries.

The Chair declared W. R. Lambuth elected Senior Missionary Secretary.

W. R. Lam-
buth
elected.

Chas. R. Long, lay alternate, was announced as taking the place of T. J. Williams, of the Louisville Conference.

C. R. Long
seated.

The roll of the Conferences was called for the second ballot for the election of the remaining Missionary Secretary. The whole number of votes cast was 232, and the Chair announced that 117 votes were necessary to elect.

Second bal-
lot for
Missionary
Secretary.

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Telegram
from Indian
Mission
Epworth
League
Conference.

Pritchett's
resolution.

A telegram from the Indian Mission Epworth League Conference was read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Epworth League for response.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That, in order to expedite the business of the Conference, the Chair is requested to appoint an additional set of tellers, who shall begin to count the ballots so soon as each vote is taken.

H. C. PRITCHETT,
M. R. SMITH.

A motion was made to lay it on the table. The motion to table did not prevail.

Tigert's
amendment.

J. J. Tigert moved to amend by striking out "who shall begin to count," etc., and inserting "who shall take the ballot for the next officer," and his motion prevailed.

Tabled.

On motion, the paper, as amended, was laid on the table.

Publishing Interests.—Report No. 7 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Result of
second bal-
lot for Mis-
sionary
Secretary.

The Chair announced the result of the second ballot for the remaining Missionary Secretary, as follows: J. H. Pritchett, 74; W. B. Palmore, 57; J. C. Kilgo, 27; W. L. Nelms, 24; A. J. Lamar and E. W. Alderson, 13 each; R. N. Sledd, 12; W. W. Wadsworth, 3; F. D. Swindell, 2; R. D. Smart, E. B. Chappell, A. Coke Smith, Collins Denny, S. A. Steel, and J. H. Dye, 1 each; and the Chair announced that there was no election.

Third ballot
taken.

The roll of the Conferences was called for the third ballot for the election of the remaining Missionary Secretary. The whole number of votes cast was 223, and the Chair announced that 112 were necessary for election.

Mr. Dolliver
takes leave.

The Hon. Jonathan Dolliver, the lay fraternal delegate to this Conference from the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced, and bade the Conference a graceful adieu.

The Secretary read the telegram sent in response to the following telegram from the Indian Mission Epworth League, and it was approved:

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To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South,
Baltimore, Md.

The Indian Mission Epworth League Conference, in session
at Vinita, I. T., sends you greetings.

A. E. BONNELL, *Secretary.*

C. W. DAY, *President.*

BALTIMORE, MD., May 19, 1898.

To the Indian Mission Epworth League Conference, Vinita, I. T.

The General Conference greets you in the name of our Lord.
Read 1 Corinthians xvi. 13.

A. COKE SMITH.

The Secretary read a resolution, signed by W. A. Candler, E. E. Hoss, and others, and, on motion, it was adopted, as follows:

Resolution
of Candler,
Hoss, *et al.*,
adopted.

Resolved, That this Conference has heard with great pleasure the suggestion that Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald prepare an autobiographic volume concerning the times in which he has lived and the men of the times; and we express the hope that he will adopt the suggestion and give to the Church and country this important volume at an early day.

W. A. CANDLER,
E. E. HOSS,
JNO. J. TIGERT,
T. R. PIERCE,
J. C. SIMMONS.

The call for the reports of standing committees was resumed, and Report No. 8 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Reports of
standing
commit-
tees re-
sumed.

Report No. 9 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Report No. 10 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

A resolution was presented by W. W. Smith, Chairman of the Committee on Education, who requested that the rules be suspended and the resolution be considered at once. On motion, the request was granted and the resolution adopted, as follows:

Resolution
of Com-
mittee on
Education
adopted.

Resolved, That Saturday evening next, the 21st inst., be set apart for a public meeting in this hall in the interest of higher education, to be addressed by Bishop John F. Hurst, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Bishops A. W. Wilson and W. A. Candler, and Dr. E. E. Hoss and others, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

WM. W. SMITH, *Chairman.*
C. E. DOWMAN, *Secretary.*

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Reports
resumed.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Church Extension was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Report No. 5 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Report No. 6 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Result of
third bal-
lot for
Missionary
Secretary.

The Chair announced the result of the third ballot for Missionary Secretary, as follows: J. H. Pritchett, 133; W. B. Palmore, 55; J. C. Kilgo, 16; R. N. Sledd, 5; E. W. Alderson, 4; J. C. Keener, A. J. Lamar, W. L. Nelms, S. A. Steel, Collins Denny, and J. H. Dye, 1 each.

J. H. Pritch-
ett elected.

The Chair declared J. H. Pritchett, of the Missouri Conference, elected Missionary Secretary.

Reports
resumed.

Report No. 11 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

A minority report to Report No. 11 was read and filed with the majority report.

Committee
changes.

W. S. Johnson, of the Louisville Conference, was placed on the Committee on Revisals, and C. R. Long substituted for W. S. Johnson on the Committee on Missions.

Quillian's
resolution.

F. A. Quillian offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the election of Book Agents the General Conference vote for two Book Agents on the same ballot, and that the two receiving the highest vote be declared elected, provided no one shall be declared elected who does not receive a majority of all the votes cast.

F. A. QUILLIAN,
J. C. SALE.

Denny's
amendment.

Collins Denny moved to amend by indicating the Senior Book Agent.

Tabled.

J. J. Tigert moved to table the resolution and amendment, and the motion prevailed.

Tigert's
motion
prevails.

J. J. Tigert moved to vote for one Book Agent at a time, and the motion prevailed.

Ballot for
Book Agent.

On motion, the Conference proceeded to the election of the Book Agent, and the call of the Conferences for ballots was made.

The whole number of ballots cast was 225, and the Chair announced that 113 votes were necessary to election.

J. P. Strother presented a report supplementary to Report No. 11 of the Committee on Publishing Interests, which was read and placed on the calendar with Report No. 11.

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Missions.—Report No. 4 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Committee
on Mis-
sions, Re-
port No. 4.
Swindell's
motion.

F. D. Swindell moved that the rules be suspended and the report considered now, and the motion prevailed.

J. J. Tigert moved that the report be considered item by item, and the motion prevailed.

Tigert's
motion.

Item No. 1 was read, and, on motion, adopted.

Items 1-3
adopted.

Item No. 2 was read, and, on motion, adopted.

Item No. 3 was read, and, on motion, adopted.

On motion, the report as a whole was adopted, as follows:

The report
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, REPORT NO. 4.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to report:

1. We have considered the memorial submitted to us from the Woman's Board of Missions, as follows:

A memorial asking that space be provided in blank forms of statistics for reporting the statistics of the Woman's Board of Missions.

We recommend that the memorial be granted.

2. Also a memorial asking that no change be made in the Discipline "which shall take the children from their organization and give them exclusively to the General Board."

The committee takes pleasure in saying that, so far as we are informed, there has not been, and will not be, any legislation intended to effect that result.

3. Also a memorial asking for changes in the constitution of the Woman's Board in reference to the Secretaries.

We recommend the following changes:

¶ 363, Art. IV., page 153, line two, strike out the words, "a Vice President, two Secretaries, one to administer the foreign, the other the home affairs of the Society," and insert the words, "two Vice Presidents, one or more Secretaries." The paragraph, as amended, will read: "The Board shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, one or more Secretaries, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, and six Managers (to be elected quadrennially by the Woman's Board, at the annual meeting next succeeding the session of the General Conference), and the Corresponding Secretaries, or alternates, of the Conference Societies. The Secretaries of the Board of Missions shall be honorary members of the Woman's Board."

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¶ 369, Art. X., page 155, first line, strike out the word "Foreign," and insert the word "Corresponding"; and in third line strike out the words "foreign field," and insert the word "Board." The amended paragraph will read: "The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence, and attend to all the legal business of the Board, prepare the annual report, publish quarterly statements of the condition of the work both at home and in the foreign field, give all orders on the treasury, and reside where the Board of Missions is located."

¶ 370, Art. XI., be stricken out entirely.

R. N. SLEDD, *Chairman.*

F. D. SWINDELL, *Secretary.*

Newman's
motion,
prevails.

J. W. Newman, of the Alabama Conference, moved that the Committee on Itinerancy be instructed to prepare the blank forms for the statistics, including the desired statistics of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the motion prevailed.

Result of bal-
lot for Book
Agent.

The Chair announced the result of the ballot for Book Agent, as follows: J. D. Barbee, 157; A. G. Brown, 35; L. D. Palmer, 11; W. B. Palmore, 8; W. P. Lovejoy, 6; Paul Whitehead, 5; Collins Denny, 2; S. P. West and E. A. Yates, 1 each.

J. D. Barbee
elected.

The Chair declared J. D. Barbee, of the Tennessee Conference, elected Book Agent.

Ballot for
Assistant
Book Agent.

The roll of the Conferences was called for ballots for the election of the Assistant Book Agent. The whole number of votes cast was 217, and the Chair announced that 109 votes were necessary for election.

Committee
on Church
Extension,
Report No. 2.

J. W. Lewis, of the Louisville Conference, moved that we suspend the rules and take from the calendar Report No. 2 of the Committee on Church Extension, and the motion prevailed.

The report was taken up, and Articles I., III., and X. were read.

Article I.
adopted.
Article III.
adopted.

Article I. was read, and, on motion, adopted.

Article III. was read, and, on motion, adopted.

Article X. was read.

Session
extended.

J. J. Tigert moved the extension of the session, and the motion prevailed.

McLean's
request.

J. H. McLean asked that the present article be read.

Result of bal-
lot for As-
sistant
Book Agent.

The Chair announced the result of the ballot for Assistant Book Agent, as follows: D. M. Smith, 201; A. G. Brown, 4; W. W. Ball, 3; C. W. White, L. D. Palm-

er, and W. B. Palmore, 2 each; J. W. Daniel and W. R. Odell, 1 each; and D. M. Smith was declared elected Assistant Book Agent.

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D. M. Smith
elected.
Young's
motion.

G. W. Young, of the Kentucky Conference, moved that Article X., as reported by the Committee on Church Extension, be adopted.

G. E. Prince moved the pending question, and the motion prevailed.

Pending
question
ordered.

The vote recurring on the motion to adopt Article X. as reported, it was adopted by a vote of 90 for and 82 against.

Article X.
adopted.

On motion, the report as a whole was adopted, as follows:

The report
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION, REPORT NO. 2.

Your Committee on Church Extension report as follows:

We have carefully considered the memorial from the Central Committee of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society, and recommend that you concur in their request by adopting the following as the Constitution of their Society:

ARTICLE I. This organization shall be known as "The Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

ART. II. The object of this Society is to enlist and organize Christian women and children in securing homes for itinerant preachers; in providing religious instruction for the neglected and destitute; and in otherwise aiding the cause of Christ.

ART. III. This Society shall be under the supervision and direction of women, known as the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and consisting of a President, two Vice Presidents, a General Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a General Treasurer, and a Corresponding Secretary, or alternate, of each Conference Society.

ART. IV. The general officers of said Board shall be elected quadrennially by the Board at the session next succeeding each General Conference. The Corresponding Secretaries and their alternates shall be elected by the Conference Societies as their laws may provide. Superintendents of departments shall be elected annually by the Board, which shall also define their duties.

ART. V. The funds of the Society shall be derived from membership dues, special contributions at meetings appointed in the interest of the Society, mite boxes, donations, devises, bequests, or other means approved by the Board; and the creation of Loan Funds.

ART. VI. The Board shall have authority to raise and administer two Loan Funds, one for parsonage building and one

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DAY. loans on adequate security to be determined by the Board of Church Extension. The administration of the loan fund for parsonages shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Church Extension.

ART. VII. It shall be lawful for said Board to accept contributions to its funds from any persons capable of making the same, subject to annuities, payable to the order of the person or persons making such donations; but all amounts so received shall be loaned by said Board on adequate security or securities, and the aggregate amount of annuities that the Board shall assume to pay shall never be allowed to exceed one-half of the annual interest received on the loans made by said Board.

ART. VIII. The funds appropriated by this Board to parsonages shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Church Extension, and shall be administered by the same.

ART. IX. All property (whether real, personal, or otherwise) shall be held in the name of "The Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," a corporation organized under the laws of Kentucky.

ART. X. All dues, special contributions, and other moneys collected by or for the use of the general work of the Woman's Home Mission Society, shall be sent to the General Treasurer to be expended by the Board. Fifty per cent. of the dues sent in by each Conference Society, less the amount paid out for Conference expenses, shall be held subject to the order of the proper officers of said Conference, for aiding parsonages within the bounds of the same; but any such funds unappropriated by said Conference at the close of each fiscal year shall be subject to the order of the General Board, and shall be used by said Board to aid the work in more needy Conferences.

ART. XI. The Board shall meet annually to review and forecast the work, examine reports, estimate resources, appropriate receipts, project work for the year, decide the fields to be occupied, and the provision for each, select the missionaries, the teachers, and other agents to be employed for executing each part of the work, and devise the ways and means for accomplishing the same. It shall have power to make by-laws for the Society, and to provide constitution and by-laws for the Conference and auxiliary societies.

ART. XII. Fifteen members of the Board shall constitute a quorum to transact business at an annual meeting, and five members at a monthly or called meeting.

ART. XIII. The duty of the General Secretary shall be to correspond with missionaries and teachers and other employees of the Society, and with the Conference Secretaries; to furnish the Conference Societies with all needful information; also to

secure from them such details of their work as will be necessary to make quarterly and annual reports to the Boards, and to acquaint herself with the condition, needs, and opportunities of the mission fields, and publish the same for the information of the membership. She shall sign all orders on the General Treasurer, and attend to the legal business of the Society. She shall report annually such details as should be incorporated in the reports of the Board of Church Extension, of Missions, and of Education.

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ART. XIV. The General Treasurer shall keep a regular account of the receipts and disbursements of the Society, furnish quarterly and annual reports to be published with those of the General Secretary; pay such bills as the Board may approve, and make such disposition of the funds in her hands as the Board may direct. At the close of the year the accounts shall be audited by one or more competent persons selected for that purpose.

ART. XV. When a vacancy among the general officers or superintendents of departments shall occur in the interim of the annual meetings, the Board shall fill such vacancies until the next annual meeting.

Resolved, That ¶¶ 389 to 397 of the Discipline, both included, be and they are hereby repealed.

We have also considered a memorial from the Talladega District Conference, North Alabama Conference, relating to the dues of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society, and we recommend nonconcurrence.

J. D. BARBEE, *Chairman*.

JNO. W. LEWIS, *Secretary*.

D. C. Kelley moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 3:30 P.M. for the ordination of bishops, and the motion prevailed.

Afternoon
session
ordered.

Leave of absence was granted B. J. Casteel, of the Missouri Conference.

Leave of
absence.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

Adjourn-
ment.

The doxology was sung; the benediction was pronounced by R. H. Mahon, of the Memphis Conference.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 3:30 P.M., pursuant to adjournment, for the ordination of bishops.

Conference
meets.

Bishop Keener took the chair.

Bp. Keener
presides.

Bishop Keener read the collect.

Bishop Wilson announced Hymn 221,

Draw near, O Son of God, draw near!

Us with thy flaming eye behold;

which was sung by the Conference.

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Bishop Key read the Epistle.

Bishop Fitzgerald read the Gospel.

Bishop Keener announced Hymn 206,

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, City of our God,

which was sung by the Conference.

Bishop Wilson preached the sermon from 1 Timothy
iii. 14, 15.

Warren A. Candler was presented by W. F. Glenn,
of the North Georgia, and C. E. Dowman, of the South
Georgia, Conference.

Henry Clay Morrison was presented by C. C. Woods,
of the Southwest Missouri, and F. D. Swindell, of the
North Carolina, Conference.

Bishop Duncan moved the congregation to prayer,
and Bishop Galloway offered the prescribed prayer.

Bishop Granbery examined the bishops elect, asking
the Disciplinary questions.

Bishop Hargrove moved the congregation to secret
prayer, led in the recitation of the

Veni, Creator, Spiritus,

and offered the prayer following.

Bishop Keener led in the imposition of hands, being
joined by the other bishops and the presenting elders.

Bishop Keener delivered the Bible.

Adjournment. Bishop Hendrix offered the concluding prayer, and
Bishop Keener pronounced the benediction.

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MAY 20. Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Dun-
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Conference Religious service was conducted by C. T. Carroll, of
meets. the Holston Conference.

Religious The minutes of the session of yesterday were read and
service. approved.

Minutes The minutes of the session of yesterday afternoon,
approved. appointed for the ordination of bishops, were also read
and approved.

Bishop Galloway took the chair.

J. E. Wright moved to suspend the rules and take up Report No. 5 of the Committee on Revisals.

J. M. Mason moved as a substitute that Report No. 3 be taken up.

Anson West moved that the motion and the substitute be laid on the table, and it prevailed.

The following resolutions were offered and laid on the table:

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Bp. Galloway presides.
Wright's motion.
Mason's substitute.
Tabled.

Dye's resolution
tabled.

Whereas most, if not all, of the members of this General Conference are very busy when at home, and the demand for their return as soon as practicable to their respective posts of duty is urgent, if not imperative,

Resolved, 1. That a committee of five be appointed by the Chair to sift the calendar and take from it what is in their judgment the most important matter thereon, and present it, in the order of its importance, for our consideration.

2. That it is the sense of this General Conference that we adjourn *sine die* Monday, May 23, 1898.

JNO. H. DYE,
J. M. MASON.

W. C. Black, of the Mississippi Conference, moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for James Atkins for Sunday-school Editor.

Black's
motion.

It was moved and seconded that this motion be tabled, and the motion was lost.

W. C. Black withdrew his motion.

Withdrawn.

The call of the Conferences was made for the ballot for the election of Sunday-school Editor. The whole number of votes cast was 207, and the Chair announced that 104 were necessary for election.

Ballot for
Sunday-
school
Editor.

The Chair announced the following committee to nominate a Book Committee for the ensuing four years: A. J. Lamar, C. T. Carroll, Asa Holt, A. F. Watkins, J. S. Hutchinson, A. Coke Smith, W. R. Odell, J. W. Lewis, J. H. Pritchett.

Committee
to nomi-
nate Book
Commit-
tee.

The following resolution was presented:

Glenn's
resolution.

Resolved, That the Book Committee be, and is hereby, instructed to increase the size of the *Christian Advocate* at Nashville to twenty pages.

W. F. GLENN,
W. P. LOVEJOY.

J. J. Tigert rose to the point of order that this is new

Tigert's point
of order.

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Sustained. The Chair ruled that the point was well taken.

Reports from Reports from standing committees were called for,
 standing committees. and the following were presented :

Itinerancy.—Report No. 8 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Report No. 9 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Smithson's motion. Rumsey Smithson, of the Baltimore Conference, moved that Report No. 8 be taken from the calendar and put upon its passage, and the motion prevailed.

Mason's point of order. J. M. Mason rose to the point of order that a change of the Discipline is involved, and hence the report is not in order; and the Chair ruled the point well taken.

Sustained. J. M. Mason moved that Report No. 3 of the Committee on Revisals be taken up out of its order and put upon its passage, but the motion did not prevail.

Result of ballot for Sunday-school Editor. The Chair announced the result of the ballot for Sunday-school Editor, as follows: James Atkins, 205; A. J. Lamar, 1; Paul Whitehead, 1; and James Atkins, of the Western North Carolina Conference, was declared elected.

James Atkins elected. The roll of the Conferences was called for the first ballot for the election of Epworth League Secretary. The whole number of votes cast was 215, and the Chair announced that 108 were necessary for election.

C. T. Carroll moved that O. W. Patton take his place as a teller, and it prevailed.

Reports of standing committees. Report No. 6 of the Committee on Revisals was presented.

Gross Alexander moved that it be put on the calendar without reading, and the motion prevailed.

Report No. 12 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

J. W. Lewis moved that Report No. 4 of the Committee on Church Extension go to the calendar without reading, and the motion prevailed.

Report No. 5 was presented, and, on motion, went to the calendar without reading.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Boundaries was read, and J. R. Nelson, of the Northwest Texas Conference, moved that it be taken up and put upon its passage.

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J. M. Mason moved to lay J. R. Nelson's motion on the table; the motion prevailed, and the report went to the calendar.

Temperance.—Report No. 3 was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

J. H. Young, Chairman of the Committee on Public Worship, announced the appointments for Sunday morning and evening service, as follows:

Public
worship.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

Trinity: 11 A.M., Bishop Candler; 8 P.M., J. C. Kilgo.

St. Paul's: Dr. W. T. Davison; 8 P.M., E. E. Hoss.

Immanuel: 11 A.M., Bishop Morri-on; 8 P.M., C. B. Smith.

Central: 11 A.M., Bishop Duncan; 8 P.M., Young J. Allen.

Calvary: 11 A.M., Bishop Granbery; 8 P.M., S. H. Werlein.

Wilkins Avenue: 11 A.M., J. A. Clifton; 8 P.M., G. W. Young.

North Baltimore: 11 A.M., M. Dickie.

Caenarvon: 11 A.M., W. T. McClure; 8 P.M., M. Dickie.

Frederick Avenue: 11 A.M., J. H. Riggin.

Arlington: 11 A.M., Bishop Galloway; 8 P.M., J. M. Mason.

Sudbrook: 11 A.M., John R. Deering; 8 P.M., Seth Ward.

Laurel: 11 A.M., A. F. Watkins.

Savage: 8 P.M., M. B. Hodgson.

Washington: Mt. Vernon Place, 11 A.M., Bishop Key; 8 P.M., T. R. Pierce. Epworth, 11 A.M., C. W. Byrd; 8 P.M., John Anderson. Marvin, W. K. Piner.

Fairfax: 11 A.M., S. P. Wright.

Freedom: 11 A.M., C. W. Carter.

Alexandria: 11 A.M., W. H. LaPrade.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Mt. Vernon: 11 A.M., W. C. Black; 8 P.M., Jas. Campbell.

First Church: 11 A.M., Bishop Hargrove; 8 P.M., Collins Denny.

Madison Avenue: 11 A.M., E. E. Hoss; 8 P.M., R. D. Smart.

Grace: 11 A.M., Sam P. Jones; 8 P.M., R. N. Sledd.

Eutaw Street: 11 A.M., W. B. Palmore; 8 P.M., R. N. Price.

Madison Square: 11 A.M., Warner Moore; 8 P.M., F. N. Parker.

Whatcoat: 11 A.M., R. G. Waterhouse; 8 P.M., F. D. Swindell.

Guilford Avenue: 11 A.M., J. J. N. Kenney; 8 P.M., Samuel L. Dobbs.

Bennett Memorial: 8 P.M., A. J. Lamar.

Jefferson Street: 11 A.M., W. E. Edwards; 8 P.M., S. H. Babcock.

Harford Avenue: 11 A.M., W. B. Murrah; 8 P.M., T. S. Wade.

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North Avenue: 11 A.M., Paul Whitehead; 8 P.M., A. E. Rector.
Strawbridge: 11 A.M., W. W. Wadsworth.
Broadway: 11 A.M., D. C. Kelley; 8 P.M., M. J. Cofer.
East Baltimore Station: 11 A.M., E. B. Chappell; 8 P.M., W. F. Glenn.
Fayette Street: 11 A.M., James Atkins; 3 P.M. (Temperance), G. W. Young; 8 P.M., R. H. Mahon.
Montford: 11 A.M., C. A. Saunders; 8 P.M., J. C. Sale.
Oxford: 11 A.M., C. A. Fulwood.
McKendree: (Arlington) 8 P.M., T. N. Ivey.
Boundary Avenue: 11 A.M., S. M. Hosmer; 8 P.M., J. R. Moore.
Columbia Avenue: 11 A.M., E. G. Michael; 8 P.M., T. P. Smith.
Wesley Chapel: 11 A.M., Gross Alexander.
Monroe Street: 11 A.M., J. W. Daniel; 8 P.M., G. W. Wilson.
Caroline Street: 11 A.M., C. T. Carroll; 8 P.M., Sam P. Jones.
Patterson Memorial: 8 P.M., John Adams.
Fort Avenue: 11 A.M., C. C. Woods; 8 P.M., T. F. Brewer.
Mt. Washington: 11 A.M., A. N. Averyt; 8 P.M., W. P. Lovejoy.
Canton: 11 A.M., E. A. Bailey.
Grace: (Woodberry) 11 A. M., J. E. Wright.
Union Square: 11 A.M., W. F. Packard.
Hurlem Park: 11 A.M., T. A. Kerley; 8 P.M., W. J. Collier.
Emory: 8 P.M., John R. Nelson.
Waverly: 11 A.M., C. W. Carter.
Exeter: 11 A.M., J. S. Oakley; 8 P.M., H. B. Reams.
Towson: 11 A.M., J. R. Brooks.
Savage: 11 A.M., R. Smithson.
Greenmount: 11 A.M., W. A. Comer; 8 P.M., Sterling Fisher.
Bethany: 11 A.M., F. Richardson.
Memorial: 11 A.M., J. D. Scott.
Garrett Park: 11 A.M., J. M. Barcus; 8 P.M., S. A. Weber.
Appold: 11 A.M., Anson West; 8 P.M., R. G. Waterhouse.
David Rodgers: 8 P.M., J. W. Clark.
Monument Street: 8 P.M., C. E. Dowman.

INDEPENDENT.

St. John's: 11 A.M., H. M. DuBose; 8 P.M., J. B. McGehee.

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Christ's: 11 A.M., J. Anderson; 8 P.M., C. M. Coppedge.
Mt. Royal: 11 A.M., D. C. Campbell; 8 P.M., Jno. W. Boswell.
Mt. Lebanon: 11 A.M., J. C. Sale; 8 P.M., T. W. Lewis.
Hampden: 8 P.M., S. B. Tabor.
Starr: 11 A.M., F. H. S. Johnston; 8 P.M., J. A. Anderson.
Keen Memorial: 8 P.M., John A. Rice.
St. John's: (Canton) 11 A.M., S. A. Weber; 8 P.M., John O. Willson.
Waverly: 11 A.M., P. H. Whisner.
Catonsville: 11 A.M., T. F. Mangum.

LUTHERAN.

Second English: 11 A.M., J. C. Kilgo.

Church of the Reformation: 8 P.M., J. W. Daniel.

St. Paul: 11 A.M., Bishop Key.

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UNITED BRETHREN.

Franklin Street: 8 P.M., W. A. Freeman.

REFORMED.

Grace: 11 A.M., Geo. G. N. MacDonell; 8 P.M., J. W. Hinton.

St. Paul's: 11 A.M., J. O. Branch.

BAPTIST.

First Church: 11 A.M., J. W. Lee; 8 P.M., John W. Lewis.

Fulton Avenue: 8 P.M., J. H. Ledbetter.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Westminster: 11 A.M., J. O. Branch.

Boundary Avenue: 11 A.M., J. H. Pritchett.

Waverly: 11 A.M., C. G. Andrews.

Second Presbyterian: 11 A.M., Y. J. Allen.

Franklin Square: 11 A.M., R. D. Smart.

Fayette Street: 8 P.M., Bishop Hendrix.

Maryland Avenue: 8 P.M., R. D. Smart.

Mizpah Meetinghouse: G. W. Hill.

Penitentiary: 3 P.M., J. A. Anderson.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

Hampden Presbyterian: 3 P.M., T. J. Duncan.

The Chair announced the result of the first ballot for Secretary of the Epworth League, as follows: H. M. DuBose, 52; E. B. Chappell, 31; J. M. Barcus, 15; C. W. Byrd, 12; W. W. Pinson and W. T. McClure, 9 each; H. G. Henderson, 8; J. A. Burrow, 7; E. H. Rawlings and J. A. Clifton, 6 each; A. C. Smith, J. W. Newman, T. F. Mangum, J. T. Sawyer, and J. C. Kilgo, 5 each; J. W. Lee, 4; W. K. Piner, S. A. Steel, and W. E. Edwards, 3 each; J. A. Anderson, W. L. Nelms, T. N. Ivey, A. J. Lamar, M. B. Chapman, and Collins Denny, 2 each; J. M. Moore, J. W. Shoaff, T. R. Pierce, E. A. Yates, W. B. Palmore, C. O. Jones, J. H. Young, and J. W. Daniel, 1 each.

Result of
first bal-
lot for
Epworth
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The Chair announced there was no election.

The roll of the Conferences was called for the second ballot for the election of Epworth League Secretary.

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Epworth
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Reports
resumed.

The whole number of votes cast was 213, and the Chair announced that 107 votes were necessary to an election.

The call for reports of standing committees was resumed.

Appeals.—Report No. 5 was received and placed on the Journal, as follows :

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS, REPORT NO. 5.

The Committee on Appeals in the case of the Western Conference *vs.* W. E. Broadhurst adopted the following resolution :

Whereas in the case of W. E. Broadhurst it does not appear that the said W. E. Broadhurst complied with the conditions of appeal; therefore,

Resolved, That his appeal be dismissed.

R. K. HARGROVE, *Chairman*.

W. T. McCLURE, *Secretary*.

Report No. 6 was received and placed on the Journal, as follows :

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS, REPORT NO. 6.

Your Committee on Appeals beg leave to report that, after careful consideration of all the papers in the case, we adopted the following resolution :

Resolved, That the decision of the lower court in the case of the Northwest Texas Conference *vs.* Walter Spence, expelled from the ministry and membership of the Church, be and is hereby reversed so far as it affects his right to membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

R. K. HARGROVE, *Chairman*.

W. T. McCLURE, *Secretary*.

Reports from special committees were called for.

Committee on
Fraternal
Delegates
and Corre-
spondence,
Report No. 4.

Report No. 4 from the Committee on Fraternal Delegates and Correspondence was presented, and, on motion, taken up out of its order and put upon its passage.

On motion, it was considered item by item.

Items 1-5
adopted.

Item No. 1 was read, and, on motion, adopted.

Item No. 2 was read, and, on motion, adopted.

Item No. 3 was read, and, on motion, adopted.

Item No. 4 was read, and, on motion, adopted.

Item No. 5 was read, and, on motion, adopted.

The report
adopted.

The report as a whole was adopted, as follows :

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DELEGATES AND CORRESPONDENCE, REPORT NO. 4.

Your Committee on Fraternal Delegates and Correspondence recommend for adoption the following resolutions :

Resolved, 1. That we have heard with great pleasure the addresses of the Rev. Dr. W. S. Griffin, of the Methodist Church in Canada, and of the Rev. Dr. W. T. Davison, of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference.

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2. That we express herewith our high appreciation of the fraternal addresses of the Rev. Dr. J. F. Berry and of the Hon. J. P. Dolliver, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

3. That we cordially and fully reciprocate the sentiments of Christian greeting so admirably expressed by these honored and worthy representatives of the great Churches with which they are connected.

4. That the bishops be requested to appoint fraternal messengers to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and to the Methodist Church in Canada; also that they be requested to appoint one of the bishops to convey our greetings to the Wesleyan Methodist Conference.

5. That the College of Bishops be authorized and requested to take all necessary steps looking to our participation in and representation at the Ecumenical Conference to be held in London in 1901, and that they include in the list of representatives to that body all the bishops of our Church who may be able to attend the Conference.

W. B. MURRAH, *Chairman*.

F. D. SWINDELL, *Secretary*.

Bequests and Donations.—The following report was presented and read.

Report of the
Committee
on Be-
quests and
Donations
adopted.

J. J. Tigert, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, moved that the rules be suspended and the paper be taken up out of its order. The motion prevailed, and the paper was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS.

This General Conference has heard with great pleasure of the various liberal gifts recently placed in the hands of our Church for the work of Christian benevolence.

In the quadrennial address of our bishops, after mentioning the liberal gifts of the late Mr. Robert Barnes and of the late Dr. Charles H. Bradford, both of St. Louis, they say: "Besides these, notable gifts to our educational and benevolent enterprises have come from members of our Church still living, some of them amounting to more than \$100,000." It is indeed proper that these large special gifts should have prominent mention, and that the names of those who have thus so greatly enlarged the sphere of our usefulness as a Church should be made known among us and handed down as a precious memory to our posterity. They will doubtless serve to stimulate others to yet greater deeds of Christian liberality.

Your committee recommend that this General Conference

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indorse the action of the Board of Trustees of the Barnes Hospital in delaying the work of building until the income of Mr. Barnes's gift shall enable them to complete the whole without indebtedness.

Propriety seems to forbid the mention of the names of those princely donors who are still alive, and who have in recent years given largely to the various institutions of the Church. We commend their wisdom in thus directly securing their gifts to the Church rather than trust them to the uncertain method of bequest. In this way they not only gain the satisfaction of seeing the results of their good deeds while still in the body, but they may also help to make these deeds more effective by their living interest in, and advocacy of, those special departments which they have aided.

We hail these brethren beloved, whether living or gone before, as coworkers with us in the "kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ." May the great Head of the Church greatly increase their number, and may he vouchsafe to Christian men of business everywhere, who possess such rare advantages for the accumulation of wealth over the unchristian business world, that "single eye" by which they shall always see that their gains can only become "true riches" when they are "laid up in heaven."

But while we thus gratefully record the deeds of these who have shown themselves to be princes in Israel by their exhibition of that most princely characteristic, liberality, we must not forget that the only gift of the Church in our Lord's day which he thought worthy of special mention was that of the poor widow who cast two mites into the treasury, which was all her living. Men had not then learned, as under Christian teaching they have since learned, that the value to the Church of any gift depends on the spirit by which it is prompted. While large individual gifts greatly increase the efficiency of the institutions of the Church, at the same time we must not depend too much on them. The broad, life-giving river of the Church's beneficence must be made up of the countless rills ever flowing as consecrated gifts from the liberality of the poor. If the Church is ever adequately to endow her institutions of learning and of charity, if she is ever to pay her debt to the heathen world, it will be when all the members of her communion shall have been brought, by a faithful ministry, to realize that each must, every week, lay by in store, as God has prospered him, and must prayerfully consecrate his gift, whether large or small, to these holy uses.

J. D. HAMMOND, *Chairman.*

E. B. CHAPPELL,

E. W. COLE,

J. O. BRANCH.

Missions.—Report No. 5 was read. F. D. Swindell moved that the report be put upon its passage; his motion prevailed, and the report was adopted, as follows:

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Committee
on Mis-
sions, Re-
port No. 5
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, REPORT NO. 5.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to submit the following names to constitute the Board of Missions for the ensuing four years: E. W. Cole, President; R. N. Sledd, Vice President; J. O. Branch, South Georgia Conference; J. H. McLean, North Texas Conference; R. H. Mahon, Memphis Conference; Horace Bishop, Northwest Texas Conference; James Atkins, Western North Carolina Conference; F. D. Swindell, North Carolina Conference; J. D. Hamilton, Nashville, Tenn.; J. D. Scott, West Texas Conference; J. A. Anderson, Arkansas Conference; T. D. Fite, Nashville, Tenn.; E. E. Hoss, Holston Conference; T. P. Weakley, Nashville, Tenn.; C. W. Carter, Louisiana Conference; R. K. Brown, Tennessee Conference; C. G. Andrews, Mississippi Conference; J. H. Hutchinson, Baltimore Conference; W. B. Palmore, Southwest Missouri Conference; W. F. Glenn, North Georgia Conference; Sidney H. Babcock, White River Conference; W. R. Richardson, South Carolina Conference; Gross Alexander, Louisville Conference; A. J. Lamar, Alabama Conference; H. P. Walker, Kentucky Conference; C. A. Fulwood, Florida Conference; South G. Preston, Western Virginia Conference.

R. N. SLEDD, *Chairman*.

F. D. SWINDELL, *Secretary*.

The Chair announced the result of the second ballot for Epworth League Secretary and Editor, as follows: H. M. DuBose, 91; E. B. Chappell, 61; J. M. Barcus, 12; T. F. Mangum, 6; H. G. Henderson, J. A. Clifton, and J. W. Newman, 5 each; W. K. Piner, S. A. Steel, J. P. Garland, J. W. Lee, R. L. Honiker, S. A. Weber, W. W. Pinson, J. O. Keener, J. T. Sawyer, R. R. James, C. W. Byrd, and J. A. Burrow, 1 each. The Chair declared that there was no election.

Result of
second
ballot for
Epworth
League
Secretary.

No election.

The roll of the Conferences was called for the third ballot for Epworth League Secretary and Editor. The whole number of ballots cast was 217, and the Chair announced that 109 were necessary for election.

Third ballot
taken.

J. C. Sale, of the Florida Conference, moved that a second set of tellers be appointed, and that we proceed to the election of Book Editor, and the motion prevailed.

Sale's motion
adopted.

J. R. Killian, G. J. Leftwich, J. C. Sale, and D. C. Scales were appointed tellers by the Chair.

Tellers ap-
pointed.

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J. O. Willson moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Willson's
motion.

Gross Alexander moved to lay J. O. Willson's motion on the table, and a division was called for; 103 voted for tabling, and 51 against, and the motion was laid on the table.

Tabled.

Ballot for
Book Editor.

The roll of the Conferences was called for the ballot for Book Editor and Editor of *The Methodist Review*. The whole number of votes cast was 207, and the Chair announced that 104 were necessary for election.

Result of third
ballot for
Epworth
League
Secretary.

The Chair announced the result of the third ballot for Epworth League Editor and Secretary, as follows: H. M. DuBose, 105; E. B. Chappell, 85; T. F. Mangum, 7; J. M. Barcus, 5; W. E. Edwards, 3; F. N. Parker and W. W. Pinson, 1 each. The Chair declared that there was no election.

No election.

Nelms's
motion.

W. L. Nelms move to make Report No. 3 of the Committee on Revisals the order of the day for 10 A.M. to-morrow.

Prevails.

It was moved to lay this motion on the table, but the motion to lay on the table was lost. The motion fixing the order of the day prevailed.

Fourth ballot
for
Epworth
League
Secretary.

The roll of the Conferences was called for the fourth ballot for Epworth League Secretary and Editor. The whole number of votes cast was 203, and the Chair announced that 102 were necessary for election.

Result of ballot
for Book
Editor.

The Chair announced the result of the ballot for Book Editor and Editor of *The Methodist Review*, as follows: Jno. J. Tigert, 193; Paul Whitehead, 5; Collins Denny, 4; Gross Alexander, E. H. Rawlings, and J. W. Lee, 1 each. The Chair declared Jno. J. Tigert elected Book Editor and Editor of *The Methodist Review*.

Jno. J. Tigert
elected.

Wheat's
memorial
referred.

Jno. L. Wheat, of the Louisville Conference, asked leave to introduce a memorial from the Louisville District Conference, to be referred to the Committee on Entertainment.

A. Coke Smith, of the Virginia Conference, moved its reception and reference, and his motion prevailed.

Committee
on Ecumenical
Conference.

Bishop Wilson announced the Committee on Ecumenical Conference, as follows: C. B. Galloway, W.

A. Candler, P. H. Whisner, W. R. Lambuth, James Atkins, J. W. Lee, R. W. Peatross. **MAY 20. FOURTEENTH DAY.**

J. J. Tigert moved that the Conference proceed to ballot for Secretary of Education, and the motion prevailed. Tigert's motion prevails.

The roll of the Conferences was called for the first ballot in the election of Secretary of Education. The whole number of votes cast was 202, and the Chair announced that 102 votes were necessary to election. First ballot for Secretary of Education.

The Chair announced the result of the fourth ballot for Epworth League Secretary and Editor, as follows: H. M. DuBose, 114; E. B. Chappell, 77; T. F. Mangum, 6; E. H. Rawlings, 2; J. M. Barcus, J. W. Lee, W. W. Pinson, W. E. Edwards, and T. R. Pierce, 1 each. Result of fourth ballot for Epworth League Secretary.

H. M. DuBose, of the Mississippi Conference, was declared elected Epworth League Secretary and Editor. H. M. DuBose elected.

A. Coke Smith, of the Virginia Conference, moved that Reports Nos. 3 and 4 of the Committee on Epworth League be taken from the calendar and put upon their passage, and the motion prevailed. Smith's motion prevails.

Report No. 3 was read, and, on motion, it was considered item by item. Committee on Epworth League, Report No. 3.

Sterling Fisher, of the West Texas Conference, moved as a substitute for item 1 the following: Fisher's substitute for item 1.

We move to amend by striking out from the proposed ¶ 258, in the report of the committee, all after the words "Publishing House," so that the paragraph, as amended, shall read: "The funds necessary for carrying out the provisions of this constitution shall be furnished by the Agents of the Publishing House."

STERLING FISHER,
E. E. HOSS.

On motion, the pending question was ordered. The substitute was adopted. Pending question ordered.

Item No. 2 was read, and, on motion, adopted. Substitute adopted.

Item No. 3 was read, and, on motion, adopted. Items 2-6 adopted.

Item No. 4 was read, and, on motion, adopted.

Item No. 5 was read, and, on motion, adopted.

Item No. 6 was read, and, on motion, adopted.

Item No. 7 was read. Item 7 read.

Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, rose to the point of order that the subject-matter of item 7 Denny's point of order.

MAY 20. was already adversely acted on, and hence was out of
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Not sustained. The Chair ruled that the point was not well taken.

Committee on Report No. 3, as a whole, was adopted as amended, as
Epworth follows:
League,
Report No. 3
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON EPWORTH LEAGUE, REPORT NO. 3.

1. Your committee have considered memorials of the Tennessee and Kentucky Annual Conferences, asking to relieve the members of the Leagues from the ten cent assessment. We recommend that ¶ 258, Art. IX., page 111 of the Discipline be stricken out, and the following substituted therefor: "The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this constitution shall be furnished by the Agents of the Publishing House."

2. Also memorials from the Gallatin, Hannibal, and Chillicothe District Conference of the Missouri Annual Conference, concerning the number of Epworth League Conferences. We recommend that no action be taken, and that the matter be referred to the Epworth League Board.

3. A memorial from the Board of Missions asking for the formation of a separate missionary department in the League. We recommend nonconcurrence.

4. A resolution, signed by John A. Rich and J. C. Sheldon, asking certain changes in ¶ 251 concerning membership in the Leagues. We recommend nonconcurrence.

5. A petition, signed by M. J. Cofer and J. D. Hammond, asking for a change in the pledge. We recommend that no action be taken, and that the matter be referred to the Epworth League Board.

6. A petition, signed by J. C. Sale, A. J. Lamar, and F. A. Quillian, asking for the publication of the constitution of the Leagues in the Discipline. We recommend nonconcurrence.

7. In order to perfect the language of the constitution of the Epworth League Board, we recommend that in ¶ 251, page 109, seventh line from the top of the page, the words "who shall also edit the League organ" be stricken out, so that the sentence shall read: "The General Secretary shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board." And in ¶ 253, page 110, in the sixth line of the paragraph, the word "its" be stricken out, and the words "the League" be substituted; so that the paragraph, as amended, shall read: "The General Secretary shall be a member of an Annual Conference. He shall keep a permanent record of all the proceedings of the Board, conduct its correspondence, attend to its legal business, and also edit the League organ. He shall travel throughout the Connection," etc.

A. COKE SMITH, *Chairman*.

JNO. M. BARCUS, *Secretary*.

Report No. 4 was read, and, on motion, it was recom-
mitted.

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The Chair announced the result of the first ballot for Secretary of Education, as follows: W. B. Murrah, 57; T. R. Pierce, 32; J. D. Hammond, 30; E. B. Craighead, 22; Warner Moore, 18; J. C. Kilgo, 9; Collins Denny, 8; D. C. Kelley, 5; W. J. Young, 4; E. W. Alderson, 3; A. Coke Smith, R. J. Bigham, and W. W. Smith, 2 each; J. O. Keener and J. W. Lewis, 1 each. The Chair declared that there was no election.

Report No. 4
recommit-
ted.

Result of
first ballot
for Secre-
tary of Ed-
ucation.

The roll of the Conferences was called for the second ballot for Secretary of Education. The whole number of votes cast was 193, and the Chair announced that 97 votes were necessary to an election.

Second bal-
lot taken.

P. H. Whisner presented the report of the Committee on Federation, and it was read.

J. H. McLean moved to extend the time until this report be disposed of, and his motion prevailed.

P. H. Whisner moved the adoption of the report. His motion prevailed, and the report was adopted, as follows:

Committee
on Federa-
tion, Re-
port No. 1
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON FEDERATION, REPORT NO. 1.

The Committee on Federation beg leave to report that we have carefully considered the report of the Commission on Federation, appointed by our last General Conference. We learn from this report that the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session in 1896, in response to the action of our General Conference, appointed a like Commission to confer with ours. We do not learn of any action on the subject by any other Methodist body.

We are gratified to note the fraternal spirit that characterized the proceedings of the Joint Commission, and we cordially approve the action of our Commissioners and the measures adopted by the Joint Commission, and we offer for adoption by this General Conference the following:

Resolved, 1. That the General Conference hereby approves and adopts the acts passed by the Joint Commission on Federation of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, and will recognize them as in force when they shall have been adopted by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

2. That the Commission be continued for the ensuing quadrennium, and with the same powers that were conferred upon them originally.

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3. That they have power, together with the College of Bishops, to execute the measures adopted so far as they refer to matters of general administration.

4. That they have power, together with the Board of Missions, to execute the measures agreed upon in regard to the mission fields of the Church.

We call special attention to the agreement to have a complete doctrinal catechism for both Churches, and we recommend that the College of Bishops be authorized to appoint a committee to prepare such a catechism, in connection with a similar committee, should one be appointed by the Methodist Episcopal Church; and when they shall have secured the approval of their work by the College of Bishops, its publication is authorized.

We would also most cordially invite the coöperation of other Methodist bodies in the preparation of the proposed catechism, and in all the other objects aimed at in the appointment of our Commission on Federation.

P. H. WHISNER *Chairman.*

R. S. HYER, *Secretary.*

Expenses of
Federation
Commission.

P. H. Whisner presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Book Agents are hereby authorized and instructed to pay the expenses that may be incurred by the Commission on Federation in the prosecution of their work during the quadrennium.

P. H. WHISNER,

J. J. TIGERT.

Adjournment. On motion, the Conference adjourned.

The doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Fitzgerald.

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Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Gal-
loway in the chair.

Conference
meets.
Religious
service.
Minutes
approved.

Religious service was conducted by James Campbell,
of the Northwest Texas Conference.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Bp. Hendrix
presides.
Result of sec-
ond ballot
for Secre-
tary of Ed-
ucation.

Bishop Hendrix took the chair.

The Chair announced the result of the second ballot for Secretary of Education, as follows: W. B. Murrah, 79; T. R. Pierce, 42; J. D. Hammond, 39; Warner Moore, 13; E. B. Craighead, 10; D. C. Kelley, 4; W.

J. Young and A. Coke Smith, 2 each. The Chair announced that there was no election.

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Leave of absence for T. W. Cassell, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, was asked and granted. Also for W. K. Piner, of the Louisville Conference, for to-day, and for Robert T. Marshall, of the Kentucky Conference.

Leave of
absence.

C. D. Smith was substituted as a teller for an absent teller.

C. D. Smith
appointed
teller.

The roll of the Conferences was called for the third ballot for Secretary of Education. The whole number of votes cast was 181, and the Chair announced that 91 were necessary for election.

Third ballot
for Secre-
tary of Ed-
ucation.

The following commission of educators was appointed to determine the standards of courses of study, etc.: James H. Carlisle, W. M. Baskervill, Morgan Callaway, Sr., J. A. Kern, W. P. Few, E. B. Craighead, H. C. Pritchett, J. O. Keener, Edward Mays, Eugene H. Pearce.

Educational
Commis-
sion.

The Chair announced that the Bishops had added to the Committee on the Ecumenical Conference the name of Jno. J. Tigert.

Jno. J. Ti-
gert ap-
pointed on
Ecumeni-
cal Com-
mittee.
Book Com-
mittee
elected.

The following report of the special committee on nomination of members of the Book Committee was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION OF BOOK COMMITTEE.

Your committee to nominate the members of the Book Committee for the ensuing quadrennium submit the following names, and recommend their election: Collins Denny, J. B. Morgan, T. D. Fite, J. D. Hamilton, R. A. Young, W. C. Kendrick, E. C. Reeves, J. A. Odell, Paul Whitehead, W. P. Lovejoy, R. W. Millsaps, James Campbell, J. M. Mason.

Respectfully submitted:

A. J. LAMAR, *Chairman*.

A. F. WATKINS, *Secretary*.

J. E. Wright, of the Kentucky Conference, moved to take up Report No. 6 of the Committee on Revisals out of its order.

Wright's
motion.

G. Alexander, of the Louisville Conference, moved to lay the motion on the table, and the motion prevailed.

Tabled.
Reports of
standing
commit-
tees.

Reports of standing committees were called for.

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Reports Nos. 10 and 11 of the Committee on Itinerary were presented, and, on motion, were placed on the calendar without reading.

Report No. 7 of the Committee on Revisals was, on motion, placed on the calendar without reading.

Report No. 8 was read and placed on the calendar.

Result of third
ballot for
Secretary
of Educa-
tion.

The following announcement of the third ballot for Secretary of Education was made by the Chair: W. B. Murrah, 101; J. D. Hammond, 36; T. R. Pierce, 29; Warner Moore, 8; W. J. Young, 4; A. Coke Smith, 2; D. C. Kelley, 1.

W. B. Murrah
elected.

The Chair declared W. B. Murrah, of the North Mississippi Conference, elected Secretary of the Board of Education.

Committee on
Calendar.

G. Alexander, of the Louisville Conference, moved to appoint a committee to sift the calendar and to select and present the most important reports.

J. S. Oakley, of the North Mississippi Conference, moved as an amendment that the committee consist of one member of each standing committee, and Gross Alexander, one of the assistant secretaries. The amendment was adopted, and the motion so amended prevailed.

The Chair appointed the chairman of each of the standing committees.

Report No. 13 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 14 was read and placed on the calendar.

J. P. Strother moved to suspend the order of the day in order to consider Report No. 13 of the Committee on Publishing Interests. The report was read again, and E. E. Hoss moved to amend by appropriating \$1,500 per annum for contributions to *The Methodist Review*.

Committee on
Publishing
Interests,
Report No.
13 adopted.

The amendment was adopted, and Report No. 13, as amended, was adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS, REPORT NO. 13.

Your Committee on Publishing Interests report further on the Book Committee's report referred to us, and unanimously recommend the following:

Resolved, 1. That the Book Committee be instructed and authorized to increase the size of the *Christian Advocate* from sixteen to twenty pages.

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2. That the price of said paper remain unchanged.
3. That the sum of \$2,500 be annually appropriated for contributions to the said *Advocate*, and that the Book Committee be authorized and requested to furnish such clerical and other assistance to the Editor as he may need.

We further recommend that the Editor of the *Advocate* be authorized to nominate an Assistant Editor for the *Advocate*, to be elected by the Book Committee.

4. That the sum of \$1,500 per annum be appropriated for contributions to *The Methodist Review*.

J. P. STROTHER, *Chairman*.

B. M. BURGHER, *Secretary*.

The time for the order of the day having arrived, Report No. 3 of the Committee on Revisals was taken up and read. The minority report was also read, as follows:

Committee
on Revi-
sals, Re-
port No. 3.

Minority
Report.

We, the undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Revisals, dissent from the views of the majority as expressed in the report just presented, and recommend nonconcurrency in the second item of said report.

W. E. EDWARDS, J. D. SCOTT,
S. G. PRESTON, J. J. ADAMS,
G. W. YOUNG, H. B. REAMS,
R. N. PRICE, S. H. WERLEIN.

Item 1 of Report No. 2 of the Committee on Itinerancy, previously postponed to this time, was read also.

Item 1 of the majority report was adopted.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, moved to adopt item 2 of the majority report.

Item 1
adopted.

Item 2
taken up.

Rumsey Smithson, of the Baltimore Conference, moved the adoption of the minority report as a substitute.

Minority
report
moved as
a substi-
tute.

J. H. Pritchett, of the Missouri Conference, moved the pending question, and it was ordered.

Pending
question
ordered.

Frank Richardson, as Chairman of the Committee on Itinerancy, made the point that he was entitled to speak. The Chair ruled his point not well taken.

Richardson's
point of
order not
sustained.

He appealed to the House, and the decision of the Chair was sustained.

The question then recurred on the substitute, and the substitute was lost.

Substitute
lost.

The question then recurred on item 2 of the majority report. The previous question was ordered, on mo-

Previous
question
ordered.

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tion of W. L. Nelms, of the Northwest Texas Conference.

Session
extended.

Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, moved to extend the time till the business could be finished, and the motion prevailed.

Item 2
adopted.
The report
adopted.

Item 2 was adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON REVISALS, REPORT NO. 3.

Your committee submit the following report:

Memorials, calendar Nos. 5, 18, and 19, and resolution No. B 12.

The first of these is a memorial from the East Texas Conference; the second from the North Texas Conference; the third from the Northwest Texas Conference.

The resolution is signed by S. H. Werlein and E. B. Chappell, of the St. Louis Conference.

The first paragraph of all the memorials, together with the resolution, request a change in ¶ 120 of the Discipline, touching the authority of a preacher in charge of a circuit, station, or mission to control religious services held by members and ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in his charge.

The divisions two to seven, both inclusive, in all the memorials, are identical in form. The second, third, and fourth divisions seek to have verbal changes made in Chapter VII., Section II., Discipline of 1894, touching the administration of a traveling preacher. The fifth and sixth divisions ask for verbal changes in Chapter VII., Section IV., touching the administration of a local preacher. The seventh division requests an addition to ¶ 297, touching the trial of a member.

We have given painstaking thought to the propositions involved. One entire session and the greater portion of a second meeting were devoted to it.

We recommend:

1. That ¶ 120 remain as it now is.
2. That Chapter VII. be amended by adding a paragraph to be numbered 302, immediately following the present ¶ 301. Said new paragraph to be in the following form:

“¶ 302. Any traveling or local preacher, or layman, who shall hold public religious services within the bounds of any mission, circuit, or station, when requested by the preacher in charge not to hold such services, shall be deemed guilty of imprudent conduct, and shall be dealt with as the law provides in such cases.”

We are advised that a minority report will be presented on the subject hereinbefore referred to.

Calendar No. B 28. This is a paper asking that auxiliary missionary societies be formed in Epworth Leagues. We have returned it to the General Conference, recommending that it be referred to the Committee on Missions.

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Respectfully submitted: J. M. MASON, *Chairman.*
CHAS. W. WHITE, *Secretary.*

On motion of J. J. Tigert, item 1 of Report No. 2 of the Committee on Itinerancy was adopted, as follows:

Committee
on Itiner-
ancy, Re-
port No. 2,
Item 1
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY, REPORT NO. 2, ITEM 1.

We, the Committee on Itinerancy, beg leave to submit Report No. 2. We have considered a resolution signed by John Adams, T. P. Smith, and others, of the East Texas Conference, concerning ¶ 120 of the Discipline, proposing that it be amended by striking out the words "in the churches," and inserting in their place the words "by our ministers and members"; so that the paragraph, as amended, shall read: "To preach the gospel, and, in the absence of the presiding elder or bishop, to control the appointment of all services to be held by our ministers or members in his charge." We recommend nonconcurrence.

T. B. King, of the Memphis Conference, moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 3 P.M., and the motion did not prevail.

King's mo-
tion lost.

Bishop Candler took the chair.

Bp. Candler
presides.

Dr. Davison, fraternal delegate of the British Wesleyan Conference, took his leave of the Conference.

Dr. Davison
takes
leave.

Dr. Berry, fraternal delegate of the Methodist Episcopal Church, also took his leave.

Dr. Berry
takes
leave.

On motion, the Conference adjourned. The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Fitzgerald.

Adjourn-
ment.

SIXTEENTH DAY, MONDAY, MAY 23, 1898.

Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Candler in the chair.

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DAY.

Religious service was conducted by A. J. Lamar, of the Alabama Conference.

Conference
meets.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

Religious
service.
Minutes
approved.

Leave of absence was granted I. D. Mason and Asa Holt.

Leave of
absence.
Next session
of the Gen-
eral Con-
ference.

The following resolution was presented:

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Resolved, That the first Wednesday in May, 1902, be fixed as the time for the meeting of the next General Conference.

R. H. MAHON,
JNO. J. TIGERT.

John M. Barcus moved to substitute Thursday for Wednesday.

The substitute was lost, and the original resolution was adopted.

W. T. J. Sul-
livan seated.

W. T. J. Sullivan, clerical alternate, was recognized and seated instead of W. B. Murrah, of the North Mississippi Conference.

Mangum's
resolution
adopted.

The following resolution was offered and adopted :

Resolved, That for the remainder of the session all speeches shall be limited to five minutes, and that no one, except chairmen of committees, shall speak more than once upon the same subject.

T. F. MANGUM,
A. J. LAMAR.

Protest of
Wright, *et al.*

J. E. Wright, of the Kentucky Conference, presented a protest, to be entered on the Journal, against the action taken by the Conference on Saturday concerning local preachers and others.

On motion, the protest was read.

J. E. Wright moved that the protest be spread on the Journal.

Denny's point
of order.

Collins Denny rose to the point of order that no motion was necessary to spread a respectful protest on the Journal.

Ruling of the
Chair.
The Chair not
sustained.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

Collins Denny appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the decision of the Chair was not sustained. A division having been called for, 50 votes were cast for and 98 against the decision of the Chair.

The protest.

The protest is as follows :

We, the undersigned members of the General Conference, respectfully present our protest against the adoption of the majority report of the Committee on Revisals in relation to evangelists, as unnecessary, and as calculated to create disaffection and to increase excitement and agitation in the Church, thus impeding the work of the Church and hindering the cause of God. We regard ¶ 120 as sufficient, in connection with our

other rules, to protect the Church and pastors from imposition.

JULIUS EDWIN WRIGHT,	D. C. SCALES,
R. N. PRICE,	M. W. HALL,
T. A. KERLEY,	L. J. WILLIAMS,
RUMSEY SMITHSON,	G. W. YOUNG,
W. W. WADSWORTH,	R. R. JAMES,
H. B. REAMS,	D. S. CAMPBELL,
SIDNEY H. BABCOCK,	M. HODGSON.

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Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, moved that a committee of three be appointed to reply to the protest of the minority, and the motion prevailed.

Committee
to reply
ordered.

The following resolution was read:

White's
resolution.

Resolved, That the traveling expenses of delegates attending the next General Conference shall only be paid to those members who remain to its close, or who are excused by the Conference.

C. W. WHITE,
E. E. HOSS.

E. C. Reeves offered the following substitute. The substitute was accepted in place of the original paper, and adopted, as follows:

Reeves's
substitute
adopted.

Resolved, That the Book Agents are instructed hereafter to pay no traveling expenses of any delegate to or from the seat of the General Conference, until such delegate shall have signed a promise not to depart from the General Conference before final adjournment, or until final leave of absence be granted by the General Conference.

E. C. REEVES,
GROSS ALEXANDER,
T. N. IVEY.

Leave to retire was granted the Committee on Education.

Committee
on Educa-
tion re-
tires.
Leave of
absence.

Leave of absence was granted S. L. Dobbs, of the North Alabama Conference.

The Chair announced the following committee appointed to reply to the protest: Collins Denny, E. E. Hoss, and W. L. Nelms.

Committee
to reply to
the protest.

Reports from standing committees were called for, but none were presented.

Reports from special committees were called for, but none were presented.

The calendar was called, and the following reports were presented:

Sunday Schools.—Report No. 5 was read and adopted, as follows:

Committee
on Sunday
Schools, Re-
port No. 5
adopted.

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COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS, REPORT NO. 5.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools would most respectfully submit the following Report No. 5.

At a regular meeting of this committee, a sub-committee, consisting of Dr. J. H. Carlisle, J. R. Heartsill, and George J. Leftwich, was appointed to nominate a General Sunday-school Board for the ensuing quadrennium. At a regular meeting of the full committee said sub-committee submitted the following names to compose said Board: J. R. Pepper, of the Memphis Conference; B. M. Washburn, of the Alabama Conference; John O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference; B. M. Burgher, of the North Texas Conference; and Robert Magruder, of the Baltimore Conference.

Said nominations were by the full committee approved, and are herewith submitted for approval by the General Conference.

J. R. PEPPER, *Chairman.*

A. L. MALONE, *Assistant Secretary.*

Committee on
Epworth
League, Re-
port No. 4
adopted.

Epworth League.—Report No. 4 was read, and, on motion, adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON EPWORTH LEAGUE, REPORT NO. 4.

Your committee recommend to the General Conference the election of the following to serve as the Epworth League Board for the next quadrennium: Bishop W. A. Candler, J. M. Barcus, W. F. McMurrey, E. H. Rawlings, J. W. Newman, W. T. McClure, Sterling Fisher, O. W. Patton, J. G. Brown, T. B. King, R. E. Allison, N. E. Harris, and J. H. Hinemon.

Education.—Report No. 5 was read, and, on motion, its consideration was postponed until the return of the chairman.

Committee on
Church Ex-
tension, Re-
port No. 5
adopted.

Church Extension.—Report No. 5 was read, and, on motion, adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION, REPORT NO. 5.

Your Committee on Church Extension have had under consideration the nominations for officers and managers of the Board of Church Extension.

The Corresponding Secretary is elected by your body without nominations from this committee. The Bishops and the Office Secretary of the Board of Missions are *ex officio* members of said Board.

We respectfully recommend the election of the following additional officers and members of said Board: Presley Meguiar, President; R. B. Gilbert, Vice President; John Ouerbacker, Treasurer. Managers: Rev. W. F. Cook, D.D., Rev. W. T. Harris, D.D., Rev. C. I. Vandeventer, John L. Wheat, Rev. M. H. Neeley, D.D., Rev. J. D. Harper, Rev. S. M. Hosmer, D.D.,

Rev. T. W. Lewis, George M. Rogers, Rev. John W. Lewis, D.D., **MAY 23.**
T. L. Jefferson, Presley H. Tapp, T. S. Garrison. **SIXTEENTH**
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Respectfully submitted: J. D. BARBEE, *Chairman.*

It was moved and seconded that the Conference take up out of its order the report of the Committee on Finance concerning the election of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the motion prevailed. Committee on Finance, Report No. 8.

Report No. 8 was read.

Collins Denny moved as an amendment that the trustees whose terms have expired be reëlected, and the motion prevailed. On motion, the report, as amended, was adopted, as follows: Amended.

Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, REPORT NO. 8.

Your Committee on Finance have had for consideration a memorial from the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, asking that provision be made for defraying the expenses of this Board, incurred for incidental expenses and in administering the trust, etc.

We recommend the following: That any actual expense incurred by the members of the Board, in attending any meeting of the Board, be paid by the Book Agents; and that any other expense necessarily incurred by the Board, in litigation or otherwise, be paid by the department of the Church in the interest of which the expense is incurred.

We further recommend that the General Conference proceed to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees, referred to in their report; and that the Trustees whose terms have expired be reëlected.

Respectfully submitted: E. W. COLE, *Chairman.*
J. D. CLARY, *Secretary.*

The following report of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, referred to the Committee on Finance, was returned as part of the preceding report: Report of the Board of Trustees.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

To the General Conference in session in the city of Baltimore, Md., May, 1898.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: As required by the Discipline, the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, herein respectfully submits its quadrennial report.

The By-laws prescribed the holding of stated sessions of the Board biennially, and alternately at the office of the corpora-

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tion in the city of Nashville, Tenn., and at the seat of the session of the General Conference. These stated meetings of the Board have been duly held.

At the meeting held in Nashville, May, 1896, report was made to the Board of a bequest in the will of the late John Collins, a member of our First Church in the city of St. Louis, Mo., of fifteen hundred dollars for the benefit of Foreign Missions. In view of the indefiniteness in the terms of the bequest, as to the legal claimant, for the purposes of an acquittance on its payment satisfactory to the executor, cognizance of it was taken by the Board. Through the joint action of its Executive Committee and the General Board of Missions, the bequest has been secured for that Board, and will be paid over at an early date.

At our present session the Executive Committee reported a deed of gift of date September 27, 1897, executed by Mrs. M. A. Stuart, of DeSoto county, State of Mississippi, conveying to this Board, subject to a life estate in the grantor, of one hundred and sixty acres of land lying in said county of DeSoto, to be held in trust, and to be used as a perpetual benefit in behalf of orphans and worthy needy young preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the bounds of the North Mississippi Conference, and to be applied as follows: One-half of the annual income to be paid to the Mississippi Methodist Orphans' Home, and one-half to the above described young preachers, in or preparing for admission into the aforesaid Annual Conference, to assist them in procuring a proper education, and which shall be paid to applicants nominated by the presiding elder of the Holly Springs District, who shall show preference to those coming from said district; and said benefit to be known as the "Stuart Memorial," in perpetuation of the memory of Charlie Stuart, Alma Stuart, and Mary A. Stuart. The deed is duly executed and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Chancery Court in said county of DeSoto, in Book 9, page 405. The property consists of a well-improved farm, and its value is estimated at \$4,000.

It is important that the existence and object of this incorporation of the Connectional body of our Church, under its distinctive denominational title, shall be widely known. For that purpose, soon after the action of the General Conference, authorizing and ordering it to be done, and the act of incorporation had been obtained under the laws of the State of Tennessee, the Board of Trustees issued an address through the Church press, and in pamphlet form, containing its charter and announcing its organization, which was distributed among the Conferences. We have reason to believe, however, that there exists a lack of widespread information thus sought to be disseminated, and consequently of adequate comprehension and appreciation of the objects and intended uses of this corporation. The Board has, therefore, ordained a special communication to be pre-

pared and submitted to all the Annual Conferences at their next sessions, in the view and with the hope of awakening and prompting a more intelligent interest and activity in the aims and uses of this incorporation of the general Church.

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It is deemed proper and important to call attention to the omission in constituting this Board of any provision for defraying of incidental and other expenses incurred in the performance of its duties, and in executing its powers and administering its trusts. Your body is therefore respectfully memorialized to take into consideration and enact some suitable legislation in this matter.

The Board is constituted of eight members, elected by the General Conference, four of whom are to be ministers, and four laymen, members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and two of each class hold office respectively four and eight years. The terms of office of the Rev. Thomas M. Finney, the Rev. Anson West, Samuel Cupples, and D. C. Scales expire at this session of your body, and their successors are to be appointed.

In behalf of the Board:

THOMAS M. FINNEY, *President*;
E. W. COLE, *Vice President*;
D. C. SCALES, *Sec'y and Treas.*;
ANSON WEST,
JNO. J. TIGERT,
J. L. PARKES.

Revisals.—Report No. 5, item 8, was read.

Committee
on Revi-
sals, Re-
port No. 5.
Items 8, 10,
and 11.

On motion, it was ordered to consider the item in connection with items 10 and 11 of the report. Items 10 and 11 were read.

W. L. Nelms offered as a substitute the following:

Nelms's sub-
stitute.

To amend ¶ 282 of the report as follows: That all offenses committed by local preachers and lay members may be tried within the bounds of the pastoral charge where the offense is committed.

W. L. NELMS,
JAS. CAMPBELL,
JNO. R. NELSON.

R. H. Mahon rose to a point of order that the substitute was not relevant, and the Chair decided that the point was not well taken. A similar point raised by J. J. Tigert was declared by the Chair not well taken.

Mahon's and
Tigert's
points of
order not
sustained.

J. J. Tigert rose to a point of order that it would be necessary to state the part of the report for which the paper presented was a substitute. The Chair decided that the point was well taken.

Tigert's sec-
ond point
of order
sustained.

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The substitute
 tabled.

Mahon's
 amendment.

Daniel Collier, of the North Alabama Conference, moved that the substitute be laid on the table, and the motion prevailed.

R. H. Mahon, of the Memphis Conference, offered the following amendment:

To strike out all of the report except such as gives to the bishop and the presiding elder the right to decide questions of law in a District Conference.

R. H. MAHON,
 JNO. J. TIGERT.

Daniel Collier moved that the amendment be laid on the table, and the motion did not prevail.

Pending
 question
 ordered.

Amendment
 prevails.

T. B. King moved the pending question, and the motion prevailed, and the vote being taken, the amendment prevailed. A division having been called for, 92 votes were cast for the amendment and 56 against.

Items 8, 10, and
 11, as amend-
 ed, adopted.

The vote recurring upon items 8, 10, and 11, as amended, items 10 and 11 were stricken out by the amendment, and a portion of item 8 adopted.

Item 12 was read and adopted.

The report as amended was adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON REVISALS, REPORT NO. 5, ITEMS 8 and 12.

Item 8. We recommend also that ¶ 113, Ans. 5, be amended by inserting after the word "Quarterly," in the third line, the words "or District"; and also after the word "Quarterly," in the seventh line; so that the paragraph will read, when amended, as follows:

"¶ 113. Ans. 5. To decide all questions of law which may come up in the regular business of the Quarterly or District Conference, when submitted to him in writing, subject to an appeal to the President of the next Annual Conference; but in all cases the application of law shall be with the Quarterly or District Conference, which shall record in its journals all such questions and decisions."

Also, amend ¶ 103 by inserting after the word "Annual," in line three, the words "or District"; and the same words after the word "Annual," in line 10; so that the paragraph shall read, when amended, as follows:

"¶ 103. Ans. 6. To decide all questions of law coming before him in the regular business of an Annual or District Conference; provided that such questions be presented in writing, and, with his decisions, be recorded in the journals of the Conference. When the bishop shall have decided a question of law, the Conference shall have the right to determine how far the law thus decided or interpreted is applicable to the case.

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then pending. An Annual Conference or District Conference shall have the right to appeal from such decision to the College of Bishops, whose decision in such case shall be final. And no episcopal decision shall be authoritative except in the case pending, nor shall any such be published, until it shall have been approved by the College of Bishops. And each bishop shall report in writing to the Episcopal College, at an annual meeting to be held by them, such decisions as he has made subsequently to the last preceding meeting; and all such decisions, when approved by the College of Bishops, shall be recorded in a permanent form, and published in such manner as the bishops shall agree to adopt; and when so approved, recorded, and published, they shall be authoritative interpretations or constructions of the law."

Also, amend ¶ 104 by inserting after the word "Quarterly" in line four the words "or District," so that the paragraph will read, when amended, as follows:

"¶ 104. Ans. 7. When presiding in an Annual Conference to hear and decide appeals from the decisions of the president of a Quarterly or District Conference on questions of law, and the questions contained in the appeal, together with the bishop's decision, shall be recorded on the journal of the Conference."

Item 12. Calendar No. B 7, a paper signed by G. W. Wilson *et al.* The second proposition asks that "no member of our Church shall be at liberty to preach without such license." We recommend nonconcurrence.

The first proposition refers to form of license. We recommend the passage of the following:

"Resolved, That we adopt the form of preacher's license printed by our Publishing House, and that this form be printed in our Discipline, immediately after the paragraph now numbered 166."

Respectfully submitted: J. M. MASON, *Chairman.*

CHARLES W. WHITE, *Secretary.*

Bishop Morrison took the chair.

On motion, permission was given to the Committees on Missions and Epworth League to retire.

Daniel Collier moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 3 P.M.

The point of order was made by C. W. White that this motion was not in order, since the Conference was in the act of taking a vote. The Chair decided the point was not well taken, and D. Collier's motion prevailed.

Education.—Report No. 4 was read, and W. W. Smith, the Chairman, offered the following amendment:

Bp. Morrison
presides.

Permission
to retire.

Afternoon
session or-
dered.

Committee
on Educa-
tion, Re-
port No. 4.

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Amendment.

At the request of Professor R. W. Jones, the Committee on Education propose as an amendment to their Report No. 4, that the name of W. B. Murrah shall be substituted for that of R. W. Jones.

WM. W. SMITH, *Chairman*.

C. E. DOWMAN, *Secretary*.

Hoss's amendment to the amendment.

E. E. Hoss moved an amendment to the amendment that the Secretary be made *ex officio* a member of the Board.

Tigert's point of order sustained.

J. J. Tigert rose to the point of order that this amendment proposed to change the Discipline, and so was out of order.

The Chair decided the point well taken.

The rule suspended.

Jas. A. Anderson moved the suspension of the rule and the adoption of the amendment. The rule was suspended.

Hoss's motion adopted.

E. E. Hoss's amendment to the Discipline was adopted, as follows:

Resolved, To amend ¶ 407 by inserting after the words "by ballot" the words "and shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board."

E. E. HOSS,

JNO. J. TIGERT.

Andrew's motion.

C. G. Andrews moved to substitute the name of R. W. Millsaps for that of R. W. Jones.

Denny's point of order sustained.

Collins Denny rose to the point of order that this substitution was not within the province of the Conference, and the Chair sustained the point.

Tigert's motion.

J. J. Tigert moved that the whole question of nominations be recommitted to the Committee on Education.

Tabled.

Gross Alexander moved that this motion be laid on the table, and the motion prevailed.

The report adopted.

On motion, the report was adopted as a whole, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, REPORT NO. 4.

I. The committee reports the following nominations for members of the General Board of Education, as required by the Discipline, ¶ 403: (1) C. B. Galloway, (2) E. R. Hendrix, (3) John Massey, (4) A. C. Millar, (5) J. H. Kirkland, (6) W. W. Smith, (7) E. B. Prettyman, (8) R. S. Hyer, (9) R. E. Crockett, (10) J. P. Strother, (11) W. H. LaPrade, (12) R. W. Jones, (13) J. D. Hammond, (14) J. C. Kilgo, (15) H. N. Snyder.

II. To complete and give proper effect to legislation already

enacted, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

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Resolved, That the Commission of Educators ordered to be appointed by the College of Bishops shall meet, at the call of the member first appointed, to effect its organization, and shall report on standards to the Board of Education on or before January 1, 1899.

Respectfully submitted:

WM. W. SMITH, *Chairman*.
C. E. DOWMAN, *Secretary*.

T. B. King moved that a committee be appointed to take a collection for the pages.

Collection
for pages.

J. W. Lewis moved as an amendment that the Book Agents, in the name of the Conference, present each of them a Bible. The amendment was accepted, and the motion, as amended, prevailed.

Lewis's
amend-
ment ac-
cepted.

W. C. Black moved the suspension of the rules in order to the immediate consideration of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Colportage, and the motion did not prevail.

Black's mo-
tion fails.

Itinerancy.—Report No. 7 was read, as follows:

Committee
on Itiner-
ancy, Re-
port No. 7.

COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY, REPORT NO. 7.

We beg to present Report No. 7, as follows:

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR A DISTRICT CONFERENCE.—Immediately following ¶ 76, page 44, add the following:

¶ 77. *Ques.* What order of business shall be observed in a District Conference?

Ans. After religious service and organization, let the following inquiries be made:

1. What is the spiritual state of the Church, specially as indicated by the attendance upon the ordinances and social meetings?

2. What is the condition of the missionary cause and work within the District?

3. What is the condition of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Parsonage and Home Missionary Society within the several charges of the District?

4. What is the condition of the Sunday schools?

5. What has been done *by* and *for* the American Bible Society?

6. What is the financial condition of the District?

7. Are the records of the Quarterly Conferences properly kept? (Let committee be appointed.)

8. What is the number and condition of Epworth Leagues?

9. What is being done for Christian education?

10. Who are elected delegates to the Annual Conference?

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11. Are there any applicants for license to preach?
 12. Are there any applicants for renewal of license?
 13. Who are recommended to the Annual Conference,
 - (1) For ordination to elder's orders?
 - (2) For ordination to deacon's orders?
 - (3) For admission into the traveling connection?
 - (4) For readmission?
 14. Is there any miscellaneous business?
 15. Where shall the next District Conference be held?
- We recommend concurrence.
Respectfully submitted:

FRANK RICHARDSON, *Chairman.*

JOSEPH S. OAKLEY, *Secretary.*

Collins Denny moved that the report be adopted.

Mahon's sub-
stitute.

R. H. Mahon moved as a substitute a part of Report No. 6 of the Committee on Revisals.

Tigert's
amendment.

J. J. Tigert moved to amend the substitute as follows: "Strike out Question 9 of the substitute."

Accepted.

The movers of the substitute accepted the amendment.

G. E. Prince, of the South Carolina Conference, moved to lay the substitute on the table.

Substitute
tabled.

The substitute was laid on the table by a vote of 77 for and 57 against.

Committee on
General
Conference
Entertain-
ment.

Bishop Wilson announced the Committee on Entertainment of the next General Conference, as follows:
A. G. Brown, Henry Y. McCord, Robert Magruder, B. M. Burgher, T. M. Finney.

Committee on
Itinerancy,
Report No.
7 tabled.

D. C. Kelley moved that Report No. 7 of the Committee on Itinerancy be laid on the table, and the motion prevailed; 98 votes were cast for and 40 against tabling.

Bp. Pettey and
Rev. W. H.
Day intro-
duced.

The Chair introduced to the Conference Bishop Charles Calvin Pettey, of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and the Rev. William Howard Day, General Secretary. The Secretary read the accompanying letter, and the Bishop addressed the Conference:

Credentials.

CONFERENCE ROOM,

CORNER CROSS AND WARNER STREETS,

BALTIMORE, MD., May 23, 1898.

To the Bishops and General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now assembled.

This is to certify that Rt. Rev. Charles Calvin Pettey, A.M.,

D.D., the Presiding Bishop of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Connection, out of its desire to do honor to whom honor is due, has, by direct vote, requested the Bishop and the General Officers present to visit your General Conference, and express through him our gratitude for favors shown to us in the past, our Christian greeting, and our best wishes for your Christian success in the future.

By order of the Conference: WILLIAM HOWARD DAY,
General Secretary.

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GENERAL OFFICERS: Bishop C. C. Pettey, A.M., D.D.; Rev. Howard Day, A.M., D.D., General Secretary; G. L. Blackwell, A.M., D.D., Publishing Department; J. A. Calwell, B.D., Book Concern; J. B. Colbert, A.M., President V. C. E.; A. J. Warner, D.D., Missionary Secretary; Rev. J. McH. Farley.

Leave of absence was granted Rumsey Smithson, of the Baltimore Conference, for the remainder of this session and for the afternoon to attend a funeral.

Leave of absence.

A. J. Lamar moved to reconsider the action by which we decided that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Lamar's motion to reconsider.

On motion, this motion was laid on the table.

Lost.

Publishing Interests.—Report No. 9 was presented, and, on motion, it was read and considered by sections.

Committee on Publishing Interests, Report No. 9. Sections 1, 2 adopted.

Section No. 1 was read, and, on motion, adopted.

Section No. 2 was read, and, on motion, adopted.

Section No. 3 was read.

Section 3 read.

D. C. Kelley moved as an amendment to strike out \$3,000 and substitute therefor \$2,500 as the limit of the salaries of the officers indicated in item 6 of this section of the report.

Kelley's amendment.

A testimonial to Bishop Keener, who had been called home by news of sickness in his family, which had been privately secured, was exhibited by John O. Willson, and ordered to be forwarded to him, with assurance of the sympathy of the Conference in his present anxiety, and further assurance that he and his will ever be remembered with sincere love and unabating interest.

Testimonial to Bishop Keener.

J. W. Newman moved to lay the amendment on the table, and the motion did not prevail.

Newman's motion to table lost.

A division having been called for, 40 votes were cast for tabling, and 86 votes against.

Division.

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The question recurred on the amendment of D. C. Kelley.

Pending
question
ordered.

J. R. Brooks moved the pending question, and the pending question was ordered.

Amendment
adopted.
Division.

The amendment was adopted.

A division having been called for, 80 votes were cast for, and 53 against the amendment.

Motion to re-
consider.

W. F. Coffin, of the Pacific Conference, moved the reconsideration of the vote by which this action was taken.

Session ex-
tended.

Collins Denny moved that the session be extended until this matter be disposed of, and the motion prevailed.

Previous
question
ordered.

B. M. Burgher moved the previous question, and the previous question was ordered. The vote recurring on

Motion to
reconsider
prevails.

the motion to reconsider, it prevailed, and the action was reconsidered.

Kelley's
amendment
lost.

The vote recurring on the amendment of D. C. Kelley, it did not prevail. The vote being taken on the

Section 3
adopted.

section (3), it was adopted.

Section 5
adopted.

Section No. 5 was read, and, on motion, it was adopted.

Section 6
adopted.

Section No. 6 was read, and, on motion, it was adopted.

Section 7
adopted.

Section No. 7 was read, and, on motion, it was adopted.

The report
adopted.

On motion, the report as a whole was adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS, REPORT NO. 9.

Your Committee on Publishing Interests, having considered the memorial signed by Paul Whitehead and others, of the Book Committee, proposing a revision of the law of the Publishing House, instruct their Chairman to report the same back, with amendments accompanying, which are on the printed copy in pencil writing, with the recommendation that the same, as so amended, be adopted.

The committee further recommend that in future the word "Appendix" be omitted from its present place in the Discipline, and that the title of this part thereof appear under the appropriate head as a chapter.

PUBLISHING HOUSE.

I. NAME, MANAGERS, AND OBJECT.

¶ 496. There shall be a Publishing House in Nashville, Ten-

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nessee, to be called the "Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," incorporated under the name of "The Book Agents of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," under the control of a Book Agent and an Assistant Book Agent, to be called the "Book Agents," and of a committee, to be called the "Book Committee." The General Conference shall elect the Book Agents and the Book Committee, the latter upon the nomination of a committee of nine to be appointed by the bishops.

¶ 497 to stand as published.

II. DUTIES OF THE BOOK AGENTS.

¶ 498. The Book Agents, under the direction of the Book Committee, shall have charge of the property of the Publishing House, and shall be responsible to the General Conference for the prudent use and safe management of everything committed to them.

They shall make, (1) monthly reports to the Book Committee showing the exact condition of the business of the Publishing House; (2) an exhibit to the several Annual Conferences at the beginning of each fiscal year, which exhibit shall be published in the *Christian Advocate*; (3) a full account of their work and of the business of the Publishing House to the General Conference. All their reports and exhibits shall be audited and certified by the Book Committee at least once a year.

¶ 499. They shall publish only the books and tracts of whose publication the Book Editor shall approve, and any difference of opinion as to publication between the Book Agents and Book Editor shall be settled by the Book Committee.

"The Book Agents-economy" to stand as published.

¶ 499, line 12, after the word "economy," strike out the remainder of the paragraph, and read as follows, without beginning a new paragraph:

"They shall, with the consent of the Book Committee, and in coöperation with the Board of Missions, translate and publish the books contained in the course of study for our preachers in any of our foreign mission fields, and the books, tracts, and periodicals necessary for the dissemination of religious knowledge in those countries.

¶ 500 to stand as published.

¶ 501, strike out "authority," and insert "consent."

III. DUTIES OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE.

¶ 502. The Book Committee shall be composed of thirteen members of our Church, six clerical and seven lay, five only of which committee shall be residents of Nashville; the remaining eight to be taken from the Church at large, provided that no

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They shall have power:

¶ 503. (1) To prescribe regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, for the government of the Book Agents, and in all such regulations, as well as in their entire management, both the Book Committee and Book Agents shall keep in view the object for which the Publishing House is established, and shall strive to accomplish this object in the most efficient and economical manner.

¶ 504. (2) Strike out "and-same."

¶ 505. (3) To settle with the existing and any former Book Agents according to the principles which govern the relations of principal and agent, including the individual transactions of said Book Agents with the Publishing House, provided the settlement with said Book Agents shall be at least once a year, and the result of said settlements reported to the several Annual Conferences, and also to the General Conference.

¶ 506. (4) To suspend the Book Agents in the intervals of the General Conference for misconduct or inefficiency in office.

¶ 507 (5) To provide a sinking fund of safe interest-bearing securities, equal in amount to the bonds of the Publishing House not yet accounted for, with which to pay said bonds when presented.

¶ 507½. (5½) To secure as early as practicable a release of the mortgage on the Publishing House.

¶ 508. (6) To pay a salary not to exceed \$3,000 per annum to each of the following officers: The Book Agent, the Assistant Book Agent, the Book Editor and Editor of the Review, the Editor of the *Christian Advocate*, the Editor of the Sunday-school literature, the General Secretary and Editor of the Epworth League.

Note. Change ¶ 235, line 2, to "Editor of Sunday-school literature." Change the last sentence of ¶ 245 to "the Sunday-school Board shall furnish him necessary clerical and editorial assistance, to be paid for out of the amount appropriated to said Board by the Book Committee."

Let the lines 8-12 through the word "shall" stand as published, strike out the remainder of the paragraph, and insert as follows—proceed in the following manner:

(1) They shall determine whether a trial be necessary; or if in their judgment a promise to correct the matters complained of will promote the interests of the Church, they may receive from the Editor complained of a written statement, signed by said Editor, promising amendment, which statement may, if necessary, be published.

(2) If they judge a trial necessary, they shall at once suspend said Editor, and take charge of his work until the issue of

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the trial is determined; and the Bishop or Bishops who act with the Book Committee shall appoint a member or members of said Book Committee to formulate a bill of charges and specifications and to prosecute the case, and shall, as speedily as practicable, call together not less than three nor more than five traveling elders, none of whom shall reside in Nashville or its vicinity, whose sole function it shall be to determine from the facts in the case the guilt or innocence of the Editor complained of. The Bishop or Bishops presiding shall decide all questions of law growing out of the case, and shall appoint a secretary who shall make a full record of all the proceedings connected with the trial, which record shall be signed by said secretary, and also by the Bishop or Bishops presiding. The record of the trial shall be placed in the custody of the Book Committee. The Editor complained of shall have ten days' notice of the time of trial, and be furnished with a copy of the complaint. He shall have the right to challenge any member of the trial committee for cause, and the validity of the cause shall be determined by the Bishop or Bishops presiding. If the complaint be sustained by a majority of the trial committee, the Bishop or Bishops presiding shall declare the office of the said Editor vacant.

¶ 509. (6½) If any Editor or officer mentioned in this chapter be under report of immorality, or accused thereof in writing signed by a minister or member of our Church, there shall be a speedy investigation, according to Chapter VII. If the committee of investigation judge a trial necessary, the Book Committee shall immediately suspend the accused from office, and take charge of his work until the issue of his trial is determined; and if the accused be found guilty, the Book Committee shall declare the office vacant.

¶ 509½ (6¾) The Book Committee, with the concurrence of a majority of the Bishops, shall have authority to fill vacancies occurring during the intervals of the General Conference in any of the offices mentioned in this chapter.

¶ 510 to stand as published.

¶ 511 (8) The Book Committee shall hold an annual meeting, and the members of said committee who reside in Nashville shall meet at least once a month. A majority of the members of said committee who reside in Nashville shall have authority to call a meeting of the full committee at such time and place as may be necessary. No business shall be transacted at the annual or a called meeting of the full committee unless a majority be present, nor shall any business be transacted at other meetings unless a majority of the members who reside in Nashville be present.

¶ 512 (9) The Book Committee and Book Agents shall have authority to extend the business of the Publishing House as

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they may judge to be for the best interests of the Church; but neither the Book Agents nor the Book Committee shall have authority to involve the Publishing House in debt.

V. GENERAL CONFERENCE EDITORS AND THEIR WORK.

¶ 513. The General Conference shall elect an Editor of the *Christian Advocate*, a weekly journal, which shall be published by the Book Agents.

¶ 514. The General Conference shall elect a Book Editor and Editor of the Review, who shall edit *The Methodist Review*, and all the books of our publication, except the Sunday-school books.

¶ 514½. The Editor of Sunday-school literature shall edit *The Sunday-school Magazine*, the Lesson Papers, *The Children's Visitor*, *Our Little People*, and such other Sunday-school publications as the Book Committee and Book Agents, on the recommendation of the Sunday-school Board, shall judge to be necessary, all of which literature shall be published by the Book Agents.

¶ 514¾. The General Secretary and Editor of the Epworth League shall edit all the periodicals of the Epworth League, all of which periodicals shall be published by the Book Agents.

No literature of any of the Boards shall be published if, in the judgment of the Book Committee and the Book Agents, the cost be greater than the Publishing House can reasonably bear.

¶ 515. The Book Committee and Book Agents shall have authority, by concurrent action, during the intervals of the General Conference, to furnish necessary assistance to the Editor of the *Christian Advocate*, and to the Book Editor and Editor of the Review.

VI. PROCEEDS OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE.

¶ 516. To stand as published.

VII. CONFERENCE RELATIONS OF THE AGENTS AND EDITORS.

¶ 517. Each of the officers named in this chapter, if he be a traveling preacher, shall, with the approval of the Bishops, be a member of such Annual Conference as he may select.

¶ 518. To be stricken out, because included in ¶ 512.

Respectfully submitted: J. P. STROTHER, *Chairman*.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference
meets.

The Conference met at 3 P.M. pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Morrison in the chair.

Religious
service.

Religious service was conducted by E. A. Bailey, of the Northwest Texas Conference.

Minutes
approved.

The minutes of the morning session were read, corrected, and approved.

Bp. Fitzgerald
presides.

Bishop Fitzgerald took the chair.

The following reply to the protest of J. E. Wright and others was read, and, on motion, adopted and ordered to record:

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Reply to the
protest.

REPLY OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROTEST.

Your committee, appointed to reply to the protest of Julius Edwin Wright and thirteen other members of the General Conference, beg leave to submit the following report:

1. The protest does not correctly state the action of the General Conference, which action was as follows: "Any traveling or local preacher or layman who shall hold public religious services within the bounds of any mission, circuit, or station, when requested by the preacher in charge not to hold such services, shall be deemed guilty of imprudent conduct, and shall be dealt with as the law provides in such cases."

2. The law protested against is so far from being likely to "increase excitement and agitation in the Church, to impede the work of the Church and hinder the cause of God," that it will help to cure these evils, which are now unfortunately too prevalent among us. The law is meant for peace, and not for discord. From the beginning our Church has held to account the man who refused to attend to the work with which he was charged; now the Church proposes to hold to account the man who persists in interfering with the preacher who does the work with which he is charged.

COLLINS DENNY,
E. E. HOSS,
W. L. NELMS.

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Missions was read and adopted, as follows:

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sions,
Report
No. 6.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, REPORT NO. 6.

The Committee on Missions presents to the General Conference the name of W. R. Manier, of Nashville, Tennessee, to take the place of J. D. Hamilton on the General Board, who becomes an *ex officio* member by his election as Treasurer of the Board.

R. N. SLEDD, *Chairman*.

W. W. WADSWORTH, *Secretary pro tem*.

The following resolution was offered by John Anderson and J. W. Newman:

Anderson's
resolution.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this General Conference that the salaries of all the Connectional officers be uniform.

JOHN ANDERSON,
J. W. NEWMAN.

W. W. Smith made the point of order that this resolution involves a change of Discipline, and is therefore out of order.

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of order.

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Deering's
 substitute.

West's mo-
 tion.

Smith's sec-
 ond point of
 order.

Sustained.

Anderson's
 motion lost.

Deering's
 resolution.

Jno. R. Deering and G. W. Wilson moved as a substitute that the Board of Missions be instructed to fix the salaries of the Secretaries so that they shall not exceed the sum of \$3,000.

Anson West moved to lay the preceding motion on the table.

W. W. Smith made the point of order that the three preceding motions were out of order, because the resolution of Anderson and Newman, to which they pertained, was out of order.

W. W. Smith's point of order was sustained by the Chair, and John Anderson moved that the rules be suspended. The motion was lost.

The following resolution was offered by John R. Deering and G. W. Wilson:

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be instructed to fix, or revise the salaries already fixed, for our two Missionary Secretaries, so that the said salaries shall not exceed the amount of \$3,000 each per year.

JNO. R. DEERING,
 G. W. WILSON.

Tabled.

A motion that the resolution of Deering and Wilson be laid on the table was made and carried.

Committee on
 Education,
 Report No. 3.

Craighead's
 amendment.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Education was taken from the calendar and put upon its passage.

The following amendment was offered by E. B. Craighead and John Anderson:

4. That it is the sense of this Conference that the collegiate and postgraduate departments of the university be kept as far as possible distinct, and that the collegiate department shall be supported by the Conferences which look to it as their college, and all contributions to the university from other sources shall be devoted to the extension of university facilities, except where donors specifically direct otherwise.

E. B. CRAIGHEAD,
 JOHN ANDERSON.

Tabled.

Daniel Collier moved that the amendment be laid on the table, and the motion prevailed.

The report
 adopted.

The report was then adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, REPORT NO. 3.

After special and careful consideration of the memorial presented by the Committee of the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt

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University, which proposes to make that university "entirely connectional and relate it directly to the whole Church," the Committee on Education are of the opinion that the proposed change will be mutually beneficial to the Church and the university, and that it will tend to promote the cause of Christian education. We recommend, therefore, the following resolutions for adoption :

Resolved, 1. That the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, hereby accepts the proposed relation and control of Vanderbilt University, and commits to the General Board of Education the confirmation of all trustees selected by the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University.

2. That this resolution take effect as soon as the consent of all the patronizing Conferences shall have been obtained, all necessary legal steps taken, and preliminary details arranged.

3. That this memorial from the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University be spread upon the minutes as a part of the permanent record of this transaction.

WM. W. SMITH, *Chairman*.

C. E. DOWMAN, *Secretary*.

MEMORIAL.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session in Baltimore, May, 1898.

The undersigned, constituting a committee appointed by the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University to make a special report to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, beg leave to present this communication with reference to the university and its relation to the whole Church. Vanderbilt University, as is well known, has heretofore been the central institution of eight patronizing Conferences. The title to the property is vested in a Board, to be held in trust for these Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. For several years the Board has had under consideration a plan to make the university entirely connectional and relate it directly to the whole Church. The plan proposed is to have the patronizing Conferences by proper resolution transfer their rights in the university to the General Conference, and to have the General Conference by proper resolution accept the patronage of the university and consent to assume toward this enterprise the same relation heretofore held by the separate Conferences. The Board of Trust has officially expressed its approval of this plan, and most of the patronizing Conferences have done the same thing.

By the charter of the university the Board of Trust is vested with the power and obligation to fill its own vacancies; but the election of any member is not valid under the law of the university until said member has been confirmed by the Conference which he is designed to represent. Under

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the new plan the Board would be at liberty to select its members without geographical restrictions of any kind, and the General Conference would confirm or reject the appointment. This duty could be exercised either by the General Conference as a body, or it could be delegated by the Conference to some Board, itself the creature of the General Conference. Naturally the Board of Education will be thought of in this connection. This Board meets every year, and is likely to be charged more and more with the oversight of our institutions of learning. It is now trying to devise methods for correlating all our colleges and universities, and it would be appropriate for the General Conference to exercise its control of Vanderbilt University largely through this Board. In that manner vacancies in the Board of Trust of the university could be filled every year, and it would not be necessary to wait four years for action that might be promptly needed.

As a committee, therefore, of the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University, we beg to present this matter to the General Conference, and invite such action as may be adjudged right and proper.

A. W. WILSON,
CHARLES B. GALLOWAY,
EUGENE R. HENDRIX.

Committee on Missions,
Report No. 2. taken from the calendar, and considered item by item.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 was adopted.

The report as a whole was adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, REPORT NO. 2.

I. The Committee on Missions have had before them a paper, signed by A. E. Rector and others, asking for a revival of our German hymn book, and the publication of a history of Methodism in the German language. We recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the General Board of Missions be requested to prepare for the press, as soon as practicable, the matter of said hymn book and history, and that the Agents of the Publishing House be instructed to publish the same.

II. We have also carefully considered that portion of the Bishops' Address referred to us. We are greatly gratified at the enlargement, progress, and efficient work done in the foreign fields. The gain in self-support indicates that our missionaries are laying the foundations of the Church there wisely and well; and the enlargement of the work in the face of the financial condition of the country reveals to us the hopeful fact that the Church at home is coming more and more to recognize her

mission, that of world-wide evangelization, and her debt of love to the Christless nations.

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We are in hearty sympathy with the suggestion concerning special work among the non-English-speaking people of our land, and would suggest to the Board of Missions that they employ one or more of their best men to do work among the Asiatics on the Pacific Coast.

We wish to express our gratification at the great and valuable work done by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society. The Church should encourage them by constant sympathy and help, and by earnest prayer for their enlargement and success.

The Quadrennial Report of the Board of Missions has been before us, and considered; and we are much gratified at the results it sets forth. It reveals the encouraging fact that, notwithstanding the great financial depression through which we have passed, there has been no abatement of interest in the cause of missions, but an increase, as is shown by the increase of our forces in the foreign fields by the addition of ten new workers.

The finances of the Board have been managed with ability and fidelity. Our Church is not contributing what it ought to this great cause, but the regular collections have increased during the quadrennium, and there are indications of a healthy growth. We think it eminently proper to express our appreciation of the splendid work done by our Senior Secretary, H. C. Morrison, in practically removing the heavy debt which has disturbed the Church, burdened and embarrassed the Board, and hindered our progress at every point. By sublime faith and heroic endeavor, he has wrought a work which the Church cannot forget. Nor can we fail to express our appreciation also of the valuable services of Dr. W. R. Lambuth, our other Secretary, in the office, in the field, and in the high character of the work done on *The Review of Missions*.

The report's review of the field is an inspiring exhibit. The General Conference ought to sound a bugle blast to the whole Church, calling for an accelerated forward movement. Never has there been a time when our opportunities have been so great, and the call for self-sacrificing endeavor so urgent as now in the closing years of the nineteenth century. We ought to enter the twentieth century with a larger faith in the power of the gospel to save all men, with a greater consecration to this work, and with a zeal that will make our forces as terrible to heathenism and idolatry as an "army with banners."

R. N. SLEDD, *Chairman*.

F. D. SWINDELL, *Secretary*.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

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Resolved, That we have listened with pleasure to the fraternal greetings of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, through Bishop C. C. Pettey, and desire to express our interest in the good work that Church is doing, and we invoke the rich blessings of God upon them.

F. D. SWINDELL,
W. H. LA PRADE.

Committee on
Church Ex-
tension, Re-
port No. 4.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Church Extension was taken from the calendar, and acted upon item by item.

Item 1
adopted.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2
adopted.

Item 2 was adopted.

Item 3
adopted.

Item 3 was adopted.

Substitute for
item 4.

Item 4 was read, and the following resolution was offered as a substitute:

Resolved, That ¶ 378 of the Discipline be amended by adding thereto so that the last sentence thereof shall read as follows: "The Board shall fill all vacancies that may occur during the intervals of the General Conference, and may, if the business of the Board require it, elect an Assistant Secretary and prescribe his duties."

JAMES ATKINS,
GROSS ALEXANDER.

Laid on the
table.

J. J. Tigert moved to lay the substitute on the table, and the motion prevailed.

Item 4
adopted.
The report
adopted.

Item 4 was then adopted.

The report as a whole was adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION, REPORT NO. 4.

Your Committee on Church Extension beg leave to report as follows:

Item 1. We have carefully considered that portion of the Bishops' Address recommending the adoption, if practicable, of some plan of coöperation for the cheaper insurance of our houses of worship and other church property. We have also considered therewith, and as bearing on the same subject, a resolution signed by W. F. Packard and B. J. Casteel, a resolution signed by S. H. Werlein and J. N. Holmes, and another signed by C. W. White and C. A. Saunders. As a substitute for these several papers, your committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Church Extension be, and it is hereby, directed to take into consideration the matter of organizing a Church insurance company, as suggested in the quadrennial address of the Bishops, upon such plan as they may consider best, to be conducted in connection with the Church Ex-

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tension work as far as practicable. Should said Board decide that it is expedient and practicable to form a company for the purpose of insuring therein our houses of worship, parsonages, educational and other church property, and the property of our traveling preachers, it shall be the duty of the members of said Board who reside in the city of Louisville, Kentucky, and such other members of our Church as they may associate with them, to organize themselves into a corporation for the purposes above specified, which corporation shall be under the direction and control of the General Conference. Any profits that may arise from the business, after setting apart such a reserve fund as may be necessary, shall be appropriated to the support of the superannuated and worn-out preachers, their widows and children.

Should said Board deem it impracticable or unadvisable to organize a corporation as aforesaid, then they are hereby requested to negotiate with some safe insurance company or companies, and, if practicable, make some arrangement with same whereby the trustees of our church property may secure the advantages of reduced rates of insurance.

Nothing herein shall be construed as authorizing the Board of Church Extension to incur any expense or to become liable in any manner whatsoever for the contracts of said company, except that it may appropriate not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to cover the necessary expenses of carrying out the provisions of this resolution, and which shall be refunded to the Board of Church Extension out of the profits of the business, if there be any.

Item 2. Your committee have duly considered a resolution, signed by L. S. Woods and Thomas B. King, providing for an assessment by the several Annual Conferences for the purpose of raising funds therein to aid in the purchase and erection of parsonages. We recommend nonconcurrence.

Item 3. The great loss sustained by our Church in the death of our beloved Church Extension Secretary, Dr. Morton, is deeply felt in the foreign as well as in the home field. In this connection we have considered the following resolution passed by our congregation in the far-off Brazilian city of São Paulo, and, at its request, communicated to us by their presiding elder: "The São Paulo Church sympathizes deeply with the home Church in their common loss. It feels sorely the loss sustained by itself in the death of one who, although personally unknown to us, yet has made himself known by substantial help toward the erection of a church building in this city." Your committee warmly appreciate the expressions of sympathy coming from these Brazilian brethren, and commend to the whole Church the worthy enterprise in which they are en-

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gaged, and which has already received the sanction of the Board of Church Extension.

Item 4. Your committee have considered a resolution, signed by C. T. Carroll and E. E. Hoss, providing for the election by the General Conference of an Assistant Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, to have special charge of the legal business of the Board. Your committee are of the opinion that it is unwise to add to the already large number of officers to be elected by the General Conference, and that if such an officer is required, the Board of Church Extension is the proper body to select him. We therefore recommend none concurrence.

Respectfully submitted:

J. D. BARBEE, *Chairman.*

JNO. W. LEWIS, *Secretary.*

West's
motion.

Anson West moved that 6:30 P.M. be fixed as the time for adjournment *sine die*.

Brooks's
substitute.

J. R. Brooks moved as a substitute that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet in Trinity Church at 8 P.M.

Both tabled.

Seth Ward moved to lay the motion and substitute on the table, and the motion prevailed.

Committee on
Finance, Re-
port No. 6.

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Finance was taken from the calendar and adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, REPORT NO. 6. —

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have had under consideration the question of defraying the expenses and providing for the entertainment of the General Conference at its next session. The present plan of meeting the expenses was inaugurated at the General Conference of 1886, which seems to have given satisfaction. Therefore, your committee recommend the adoption of the plan provided by the General Conference at its session of 1890, which reads as follows:

"The Committee on Finance have carefully considered the subject referred to it of any needed amendment or modification of the existing plan for defraying the expenses of the General Conference and providing for its entertainment. We beg leave to report as a substitute for the same plan, as follows:

"1. It shall be the duty of the Book Agents during the year 1891, and every fourth year thereafter, to estimate the actual traveling expenses of the delegates from the several Annual Conferences to and from the seat of the General Conference, including meals and sleepers, and add thereto the sum of forty dollars for the board of each delegate while in attendance thereupon. Said aggregate of traveling expenses and board not, however, to be considered as less than twenty-seven thousand dollars, which they will then apportion among the several An-

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nual Conferences upon the basis for the assessment of the Bishops' Fund, of which assessment they shall immediately give notice to the Secretary of the last and the presiding Bishop of the next ensuing session of each Annual Conference, and it shall be their duty to notify said Annual Conference and its Joint Board of Finance thereof. Said Joint Board of Finance shall apportion the same among the several presiding elders' districts for collection in the same manner as the other regular collections of the Conference, and the same shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Joint Board of Finance, and remitted by him with proper statement to the Book Agents of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

"2. It shall be the duty of the Agents of the Publishing House to hold said fund for the uses aforesaid, and pay first the cost of entertainment, reserving a sum sufficient for that purpose, and next the actual traveling expenses of each delegate: provided, however, that in case any Conference should fail to pay the full amount apportioned to it, the deficit shall be deducted from any amount remaining for the payment of the traveling expenses of its delegates.

"3. Each delegate shall be allowed the sum of two dollars for board for each day in attendance, provided that no delegate shall be allowed more than said sum of forty dollars.

"4. Any unexpended balance shall be held by the Book Agents to the credit of the General Conference, and said balance shall be deducted from the estimated expense of the next ensuing General Conference."

5. Your committee, in further report, recommended for adoption the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That at each session of the General Conference a committee of five, three laymen and two ministers, be appointed by the Chair to select a place for the holding of the ensuing session (taking action on this point as early as practicable), and negotiate for railroad rates and hotel fares from those places inviting the General Conference. The committee shall appoint a local committee of arrangements, consisting of five persons resident where the General Conference is to be held, to act in conjunction with the general committee in the arrangements for the entertainment of delegates and auditing the bills for the same, and in conducting correspondence respecting transportation and board, and in all matters pertaining to the arrangements to be made for the session of the General Conference. The committee shall report their action through the Church papers at their discretion.

Subject to any legislation already had by this General Conference on this subject, *

Respectfully submitted:

E. W. COLE, *Chairman.*

J. D. CLARY, *Secretary.*

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Report No. 4, item 1, of the Committee on Boundaries was taken from the calendar and adopted, as follows:

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 Report No. 4,
 Item 1.

COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES, REPORT NO. 4, ITEM 1.

Your Committee on Boundaries respectfully report:

1. Your committee, having considered memorials from Knott's Island Church and North Carolina Conference, and resolutions by Alex G. Brown and J. Powell Garland, recommend that the prayer of petitioners be granted, and that the Discipline be amended as follows: Page 273, ¶ 477, after the words "boundary line of Rockingham County, North Carolina," insert "including Union Church, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, and excluding New Hope Church, in Hertford County, North Carolina, and Knott's Island Church, in Currituck County, North Carolina." And page 278, to last words of ¶ 490 add "including Union Church in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, and including New Hope Church, in Hertford County, North Carolina, and Knott's Island Church, in Currituck County, North Carolina."

C. G. ANDREWS, *Chairman.*

JNO. R. NELSON, *Secretary.*

Committee
 on Colpor-
 tage, Report
 No. 1.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Colportage was taken from the calendar and adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON COLPORTAGE, REPORT NO. 1.

Having carefully examined a paper referred to us, signed by many members of your body, asking for changes in those parts of the Discipline bearing upon the subject of colportage, we respectfully submit the following as our report:

In the first item of the memorial, asking that ¶ 65 and ¶ 66, Chapter II., be stricken out, we recommend concurrence. The second item asks that the following words be stricken out from ¶ 512, "but this shall not be so construed as to interfere with a system of Conference colportage," leaving the paragraph to read, "No depository shall be established." We recommend nonconcurrence. The third item asks that paragraphs 399, 400, 401, 402, Section IV., Chapter XI., be stricken out, and the following words be inserted in lieu thereof: "Let the Agents of the Publishing House employ agents or colporters in every section of our territory. In case they choose to employ a traveling preacher, they shall nominate him subject to appointment by the Bishop on recommendation of the Annual Conference." We recommend concurrence. We also ask that the following words be added: "provided, however, that during the interim between two sessions of an Annual Conference, the Bishop may make such appointment on recommendation of the Book Committee." As amended, Section IV., Chapter XI., will read as follows:

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"*Question.* What directions shall be given for more widely disseminating the word of God, and for placing our literature in the homes of our people?

"¶ 399. *Answer.* Let the Agents of our Publishing House employ agents or colporters in all sections of our territory. In case they choose to employ a traveling preacher, they shall nominate him subject to appointment by the Bishop on recommendation by the Annual Conference: provided, however, that during the interim between two sessions of an Annual Conference, the Bishop may make such appointment on recommendation of the Book Committee."

Respectfully submitted:

W. C. BLACK, *Chairman.*

L. J. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Itinerancy was taken from the calendar, and item 1 was read.

Committee
on Itiner-
ancy, Re-
port No. 5.

D. C. Kelley moved to amend so that the Commission on the Definition of the Constitution be appointed by the Bishops, and the amendment was adopted.

Kelley's
amend-
ment pre-
vails.

Item 1 was then adopted as amended.

J. W. Boswell, of the North Mississippi Conference, moved as a substitute for item 2 that we nonconcur.

Boswell's
substitute.

J. E. Wright, of the Kentucky Conference, moved that this substitute be laid on the table.

Wright's
motion
lost.

The motion did not prevail.

The vote recurred on the substitute, and it was adopted.

Substitute
prevails.

The report, as amended, was adopted as a whole, as follows:

The report,
as amend-
ed, adopt-
ed.

COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY, REPORT NO. 5.

We, your Committee on Itinerancy, beg leave to report:

I. We have considered a paper signed by D. C. Kelley, Jas. A. Anderson, and J. P. Strother, and recommend concurrence, as follows:

"A resolution providing for the appointment of a Commission to define the Constitution of the Church.

"Whereas certain differences of opinion now exist as to what is the Constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and whereas it is highly important that all doubts upon the subject be removed, and at a time when there is no controversy pending that might prevent an unprejudiced investigation and settlement of the question; therefore,

"*Resolved,* That the College of Bishops appoint a Commission, consisting of three elders and three laymen, to which the Col-

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lege of Bishops are requested to add one of their number, whose duty it shall be to ascertain and report to the next session of the General Conference what is the Constitution of the Church; and, also, separately, such amendments as they may recommend to render it symmetrical in form and substance, in order that the next General Conference may, if it see fit, send the same around to the several Annual Conferences for ratification and adoption."

II. We have considered a resolution signed by A. G. Brown, R. W. Peatross, and Paul Whitehead, as follows:

"Whereas the decisions of our Bishops on questions of law arising in the business of an Annual Conference, when reviewed, recorded, and published by the College of Bishops, are, and of right ought to be, authoritative interpretations or constructions of the law; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That § 103, page 58, of the Discipline be amended by striking out the word 'approved' in the ninth line, and inserting the word 'reviewed'; and in the fifteenth line, after the word 'approved,' add the words 'or disapproved'; and in the nineteenth line, after the word 'when,' strike out the word 'approved,' and insert the word 'reviewed'; so that the paragraph shall read: 'An Annual Conference shall have the right to appeal from such decision to the College of Bishops, whose decision in such case shall be final, and no episcopal decision shall be authoritative except in the case pending, nor shall any such be published until it shall have been reviewed by the College of Bishops. And each Bishop shall report in writing to the Episcopal College, at the annual meeting to be held by them, such decisions as he has made subsequently to the last preceding meeting, with the exception of any decision made in a case in which notice has been given of appeal to the General Conference; and all such decisions, when reviewed by the College of Bishops, and also the judgment of the College of Bishops thereon, shall be recorded in a permanent form, and published in such manner as the Bishops shall agree to adopt; and, when so reviewed, recorded, and published, the judgment of the College of Bishops thereon shall be authoritative interpretations or constructions of the law.'"

We recommend nonconcurrency.

Respectfully submitted: FRANK RICHARDSON, *Chairman*,
 JOSEPH S. OAKLEY, *Secretary*.

Brooks's
 motion.

J. R. Brooks moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 8 P.M. at Trinity Church.

Willson's motion
 lost.

J. O. Willson moved to lay this motion on the table, and the motion did not prevail.

Brooks's
 motion
 adopted.

The motion of J. R. Brooks was then put to the house, and the motion prevailed.

Report No. 8 of the Committee on Revisals was taken from the calendar, and item 1 was adopted.

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Item 2 was taken up, and P. H. Whisner moved to amend by providing that the paragraph shall not apply to local preachers. The amendment was adopted, as follows:

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als, Report
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amended.

Provided, that this paragraph shall not apply to local preachers.

P. H. WHISNER,
J. J. TIGERT.

Item 2, as amended, was adopted.

Item 3 was read, and J. J. Tigert moved that it be laid on the table, and the motion prevailed.

Item 3
tabled.

The report, as amended, was then adopted, as follows:

The amend-
ed report
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON REVISALS, REPORT NO. 8.

¶ First. We have considered:

Calendar No. B 48, signed by W. S. Johnson *et al.*, asking a change in ¶ 206. The law as amended will read (Chapter IV., Section I.):

“¶ 206. *Ans.* 1. When persons offer themselves for Church membership, the preacher in charge shall inquire into their spiritual condition, and receive them into the Church only when they have given satisfactory assurance of their desire to flee from the wrath to come and to be saved from their sins, and also of the genuineness of their faith, and only after they have been instructed in the rules of the Church and the baptismal and Church vows, and have agreed to accept and observe them.”

Second. Calendar No. 81, a paper signed by W. F. Coffin *et al.*, and No. B 16, a paper signed by P. H. Whisner *et al.* They each ask a change in ¶ 176. The law as amended will read (Chapter III., Section XII., page 82):

“¶ 176. *Ans.* 3. Ministers of other Churches duly credited as deacons or elders, who may desire to unite with us as traveling preachers, may be admitted as deacons or elders into full connection by an Annual Conference, provided the Conference is satisfied with their gifts, grace, and usefulness, and their agreement with us in doctrine and discipline, on the condition that they take upon them our ordination vows, without the reimposition of hands: provided further, that all ministers, except those who come to us from the Methodist Episcopal Church, the British Wesleyan Church, and the Canadian Methodist Church, be required to pass through the course of study prescribed by our Bishops for undergraduates, and that their examination be approved by the various committees:

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Third. Calendar No. B 61, a paper signed by S. H. Werlein *et al.*, asking an amendment to ¶ 138. The law as amended will read:

"The bearer hereof (A B) has been an acceptable member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in (C) station (circuit, or mission), (D) Conference, and is affectionately commended to any charge to which this certificate of membership may be presented." [Laid on the table, as recorded above.]

In all of which we recommend concurrence.

J. M. MASON, *Chairman.*

CHAS. W. WHITE, *Secretary.*

Action to meet at Trinity re-considered. Lamar's motion tabled. A motion to reconsider the action determining to meet at Trinity Church at 8 P.M. was carried. A. J. Lamar moved to adjourn *sine die*. This motion was laid on the table.

Brooks's motion. J. R. Brooks moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet in the Armory at 8 o'clock P.M.

Solomon's substitute. E. W. Solomon moved as a substitute that we fix 6:30 P.M. as the time for adjourning *sine die*.

Campbell's amendment. James Campbell moved to amend by substituting 7 P.M.

Accepted, and amended motion tabled. This was accepted, and S. H. Werlein moved to lay this amended motion on the table. The motion to lay on the table prevailed.

Previous question ordered. W. W. Smith moved the previous question, and the motion prevailed.

Brooks's motion prevails. The motion of J. R. Brooks was then carried.

Committee on Publishing Interests, Report No. 2. W. W. Wadsworth moved that Report No. 2 of the Committee on Publishing Interests be taken from the calendar out of its order, and Ulrich Knoch moved the following amendment:

Knoch's amendment. Strike out the words "if they deem it for the best interests of the Church," so that the resolution shall read:

"Resolved, That the Book Committee be, and are hereby, authorized and instructed to establish a publishing house at Shanghai, China; the sum to be expended not to exceed fifty thousand dollars, and the said expenditure not to be so made as to incur any debt on the part of the Church."

ULRICH KNOCH,

J. J. N. KENNEY.

Reeves's substitute. E. C. Reeves moved as a substitute that we noncon-

cur in the recommendation of the Committee on Publishing Interests in their Report No. 2.

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Anson West raised the point that there was not a quorum of the General Conference present.

West's point
on quorum

The roll was called by the Secretary, and 103 clerical and 44 lay members answered to their names, making a total of 147 members present, or ten more than the number necessary to constitute a quorum.

Roll called,
and quorum
found present.

W. W. Wadsworth moved the previous question, and the previous question was ordered.

Previous
question
ordered.

The substitute of E. C. Reeves was put to vote, and was lost.

Reeves's
substitute
lost.

The question recurring on the amendment of Ulrich Knoch, it was lost.

Knoch's
amendment
lost.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was then adopted, as follows:

The report
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS, REPORT NO. 2.

The Committee on Publishing Interests, have considered the memorial of the Board of Missions hereto attached, requesting that the Book Committee be directed to use not less than \$50,000 of the fund recently paid our Church, etc., and respectfully report in lieu thereof the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Book Committee be, and they are hereby, authorized and instructed, if they deem it for the best interest of the Church, to establish a publishing house at Shanghai, China; the sum to be expended not to exceed fifty thousand dollars, and the said expenditure not to be so made as to incur any debt on the part of the Church.

J. P. STROTHER, *Chairman*.

MEMORIAL FROM THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

To the Bishops and Members of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, assembled in Baltimore, Md., May 5, 1898.

Dear Brethren: The Board of Missions, by the following action at its last annual meeting, respectfully memorializes your body:

Resolved, That this Board of Missions memorialize the General Conference to direct the Book Committee to use not less than fifty thousand dollars of the fund recently paid our Church by the United States Government, to establish a publishing house at Shanghai, China, to be operated under the control of the said Book Committee.

H. C. MORRISON,

WALTER R. LAMBUTH,

Secretaries.

Dr. Buckley
addresses
the Conference.

Dr. J. M. Buckley, Editor of the New York *Chris-*

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Adjournment. The Conference then adjourned, with the benediction by Dr. Buckley.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference meets. The Conference met at 8 P.M. pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Fitzgerald in the chair.

Religious service. Religious service was conducted by James Atkins, of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Minutes approved. The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Dr. Lafferty's lecture. D. C. Kelley, of the Tennessee Conference, moved that a recess be taken for forty minutes in order that Dr. Lafferty's lecture might be heard, and the motion prevailed.

Fraternal Greetings from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Secretary presented and read the following telegram of fraternal greeting from the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and the Secretary was ordered to make suitable response:

MARSHALL, Mo., May 23, 1898.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church sends cordial greetings. Read Romans xv. 13.

H. H. NORMEN, *Moderator.*

J. M. HUBBARD, *Stated Clerk.*

Boswell's resolution. The following resolution was presented and read:

Resolved, That the rules be suspended in order that the Discipline, ¶ 411, may be amended, so as to read \$3,000 instead of \$2,500.

J. W. BOSWELL,

W. T. J. SULLIVAN,

J. R. PEPPER.

Lost. The rule was not suspended.

Committee of Arrangements. The following report of the organization of the Committee of Arrangements for the next General Conference was read and spread on the minutes:

The Committee of Arrangements for the next session of our General Conference in May, 1902, beg leave to report that they have organized by the election of Alex. G. Brown, Chairman, Ashland, Virginia, and B. M. Burgher, Secretary, Dallas, Texas; after which the committee adjourned to meet at Nashville, Tennessee, May, 1899, to select the place for the holding of the

Fourteenth Session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ALEX G. BROWN, *Chairman*.

B. M. BURGHER, *Secretary*.

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Committee
on Mis-
sions, Re-
port No. 3-
Whisner's
motion.

Missions.—Report No. 3 was read.

P. H. Whisner moved that the report be adopted as a whole.

F. D. Swindell moved as a substitute that the report be adopted down to the point where the recommendation of the committee appears, and the motion prevailed.

Swindell's
substitute
prevails.

Seth Ward moved that the remaining part of the report be adopted item by item, and the motion prevailed.

Ward's
motion
adopted.

Item 1 was read, and, on motion, adopted.

Items 1-5,
adopted.

Item 2 was read, and, on motion, adopted.

Item 3 was read, and, on motion, adopted.

Item 4 was read, and, on motion, adopted.

Item 5 was read, and, on motion, adopted.

F. D. Swindell offered as a substitute for item 6 the following:

Swindell's
substitute
for Item 6
adopted.

¶ 352, Art. XIII., page 149, fifth line, after the word "preparation," strike out the words "and shall arrange for holding anniversary meetings within the several presiding elders' districts of the Conference in the interest of missions." In eighth line, after the word "such," strike out the word "other"; and in ninth line, after the word "choose," strike out the word "shall." The paragraph as amended will read: "The Conference Board shall prepare a programme and secure speakers for the Annual Conference anniversary long enough before the session for thorough preparation, and, by such means as it may choose, disseminate missionary intelligence among the people," etc.

R. N. SLEDD, *Chairman*.

F. D. SWINDELL, *Secretary*.

And the substitute was adopted.

Item 7 was read and adopted.

Items 7-11,
adopted.

Item 8 was read and adopted.

Item 9 was read and adopted.

Item 10 was read and adopted.

Item 11 was read and adopted.

Collins Denny moved the adoption of the report as a whole, as amended, and his motion prevailed, and the report was adopted, as follows:

The report
adopted, as
amended.

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COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, REPORT NO. 3.

We have considered the following from the Board of Missions concerning the revision of the Constitution:

1. ¶ 341, Article II., page 145, last line, after the words "elected by the" insert the word "incoming," and after the word "Board" insert the words "at the first meeting." The Article, as amended, would then read: "The Treasurer shall be elected by the incoming Board at its first meeting."

2. ¶ 342, Article III., page 146, in the third line, strike out the word "incidental" and insert the word "current." In the eighth line of the same paragraph, strike out the word "print" and insert the word "publish." After the word "books," in the same line, strike out the words "for the Indian, German, Mexican, and other foreign missions," and insert the words "and other suitable literature for all its mission fields." In the seventh line of the same paragraph, strike out the words "defray the necessary expenses," and insert "provide funds for the maintenance." The paragraph as amended would then read: "The Board shall have authority to regulate its own proceedings; to appropriate money to defray current expenses; to provide for the support of superannuated missionaries and widows and orphans of missionaries, who may not be provided for by any Annual Conference; to select and publish books and other suitable literature for all its mission fields; to build houses for worship, for hospitals, for schools, and for missionaries; to provide funds for the maintenance of the work under its care."

3. ¶ 343, Article IV., page 147, in the sixth line, for the word "divide" substitute the word "apportion." The paragraph as amended would then read: "... and to estimate the amount that may be necessary for the support of the missions under its charge, and to apportion the same among the several Annual Conferences. . . ."

4. ¶ 347, Article VIII., page 148, in the fourth line, after the words "subject to his" substitute the word "checks" for the word "drafts." In the eighth line of the same paragraph, substitute the word "duties" for the word "labors." The paragraph as amended would then read: "The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Board in safe deposit, which deposit shall be made by him as Treasurer subject to his checks as such, and to those of his successors in office. He shall also furnish an annual report, to be published with that of the Secretaries, and perform such other duties as the Board shall direct. The salary of the Treasurer shall be fixed by the Board."

5. ¶ 350, Article XI., page 149, in the third line, after the word "place" insert the words "and at such time." The paragraph as amended will then read: "The Board shall be located in the city of Nashville, Tennessee, and its annual meeting may be

held in such place and at such time as the Board shall determine."

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6. ¶ 352, Article XIII., page 149, in the fifth and sixth lines, strike out the words "anniversary meetings within the several"; and in the seventh and eighth lines of the same paragraph, strike out the words "of the Conference in the interest of the missions," and amend so as to read "and shall arrange for holding a Missionary Conference in each presiding elder's district." The paragraph as amended will then read: "The Conference Board shall prepare a programme and secure speakers for the Annual Conference anniversary long enough before the session for thorough preparation, and shall arrange for holding a Missionary Conference in each presiding elder's district, and, by such other means as it may choose, shall disseminate missionary intelligence among the people." [See substitute for this item adopted above.]

7. ¶ 354, Article XV., page 150, in the first and second lines strike out the words "person or Sunday school or church or Conference," and insert the following: "Annual Conference, district, church, Sunday school, Epworth League, or person." In the fourth line amend so as to read "missionary or mission schools." In the fifth and sixth, seventh and eighth lines of the same paragraph, strike out the following: "and send their contribution directly to such mission or school, of which the General Treasurer shall be immediately notified, provided," and substitute the following: "Their contribution may be directly applied to the support of such objects, provided the funds be sent through the Treasurer of the Board." The next sentence will then begin: "The Conference in whose territory," etc., closing with the supplemental words, "provided the object is covered by appropriation." The entire paragraph as amended will then read: "Any Annual Conference, district, church, Sunday school, Epworth League, or person, may assume in whole or in part the support of a missionary or mission or mission school, approved or established by the General Board. Their contribution shall be applied to the support of such objects, provided the funds be sent through the Treasurer of the Board. The Conference in whose territory such moneys may be given shall have credit for the same in settling the apportionment of the General Board, provided the object is covered by appropriation."

8. ¶ 355, Article XVI., page 151, first line, after the words "General Board" insert "on the first day of each month"; and in second line, after the words "he may," strike out the words "receive for general purposes," and substitute "have on hand for foreign missions." The paragraph as amended will read: "The Treasurer of the Conference Board shall transmit to the Treasurer of the General Board, on the first day of each

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9. ¶ 356, Article XVII., page 151, line two, after the words "presiding elder" strike out the words "to bring the subject of missions prominently before the Quarterly Conference of each circuit and station," and substitute the words "to preach on the subject of missions annually in each charge in the district." In seventh line, after the words "missionary funds," strike out the words "both for the General Board and also for the Conference Mission Board," and substitute the words "conduct with his preachers a missionary institute early in the Conference year, and see that they hold missionary mass meetings." The paragraph as amended will read: "It shall be the duty of the presiding elder to preach on the subject of missions annually in each charge in the district; to see that efficient and well-defined plans be adopted for raising missionary funds; and to conduct with his preachers a missionary institute early in the Conference year, and see that they hold missionary mass meetings."

10. ¶ 358, Article XIX., page 151, after the words "President of the Conference," insert the words "and with the approval of the Conference." The paragraph as amended will read: "Any Annual Conference Board of Missions may, with the consent of the President of the Conference, and with the approval of the Conference, employ a Secretary to travel in its bounds," etc.

11. We have also considered a paper signed by J. C. C. Newton, B. G. Marsh, and M. Dickie, asking that the committees on admission in the Mission Conferences in the foreign fields be nominated by the Board of Missions, subject to the appointment of the presiding bishop.

We recommend concurrence, and ask that the following clause be given its proper place in the Discipline:

"That so long as the General Board of Missions shall make appropriations to the support of native preachers in Mission Conferences in foreign fields, committees of admission shall be nominated by the General Board, subject to appointment by the President of the Conference."

R. N. SLEDD, *Chairman.*

F. D. SWINDELL, *Secretary.*

Committee
on Bounda-
ries, Report
No. 5, Items
3 and 4.

Boundaries.—Report No. 5 was taken up. Items 3 and 4 were read, and, on motion, adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES, REPORT NO. 5, ITEMS 3 AND 4.

Your Committee on Boundaries beg leave to offer the following report:

3. We recommend granting the petition of John R. Brooks and J. H. Weaver requesting a change in the Appendix to

the Discipline, so that ¶ 477 shall read: "thence west to the southern boundary line of Randolph County to the Uwharrie River, thence with said river to its confluence with the Yadkin River, thence with the Yadkin and Pedee Rivers to the South Carolina State line, and thence to the Atlantic Ocean."

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4. We concur in the memorial from the Tennessee Annual Conference, requesting that the boundary line between the Tennessee and Kentucky Conferences be altered so as to include the Chanute Mission in the bounds of the Kentucky Conference, and recommend that the following words be added to the descriptive boundary of the Kentucky Conference, ¶ 465, pages 270 and 271 of the Discipline: "and the strip lying between Wolf River and the Kentucky line."

C. G. ANDREWS, *Chairman.*

JNO. R. NELSON, *Secretary.*

Finance.—Report No. 5 was read, and, on motion, adopted, as follows:

Committee
on Fi-
nance, Re-
port No. 5.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, REPORT NO. 5.

Your Committee on Finance have had before them a copy of the will of Thomas Medford, of Huntington, West Virginia, bequeathing five hundred dollars to the trustees of our church in that city, to be invested under the direction of the General Conference; and recommend that the Book Agents be authorized to direct the investment of this money as provided in the will.

Respectfully submitted:

E. W. COLE, *Chairman.*

J. D. CLARY, *Secretary.*

Itinerancy.—Report No. 9 was read, and, on motion, adopted, as follows:

Committee
on Itiner-
ancy, Re-
port No. 9.

COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY, REPORT NO. 9.

We, your committee, ask the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Book Agents be, and they are hereby, instructed to mail to the Secretary of each Annual Conference, free of charge, a copy of the Journal of this General Conference, as soon as the same has been published.

Respectfully submitted:

FRANK RICHARDSON, *Chairman.*

JOSEPH S. OAKLEY, *Secretary.*

Revisals.—Report No. 4, items 3, 4, and 5, was taken up and considered by items.

Item 3 was read.

Paul Whitehead moved to strike out the question in subdivisions "b" and "c" in regard to the American Bible Society.

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als, Report
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3, 4, and 5.

Whitehead's
amend-
ment to
item 3.

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Pending
question
ordered.

Whitehead's
amendment
prevails.

Item 3
adopted.

Dr. Raymond
introduced.

Item 4
adopted.

Item 5
adopted.

The report
adopted.

Gross Alexander moved the pending question, and the motion prevailed, and the amendment of Paul Whitehead was adopted.

The item as a whole was adopted.

Dr. Raymond, the President of the Wesleyan University, was introduced to the Conference.

Item 4 of the report was read and adopted.

Item 5 of the report was read and adopted.

On motion, the report was adopted as a whole, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON REVISALS, REPORT NO. 4, ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5.

Your committee beg leave to report that we have examined sundry papers relating to the business of a Quarterly Conference, as hereinafter recited.

Third. (a) Calendar No. B 24, a paper signed by C. W. White *et al.*, asking that new matter be added to question 24 of Quarterly Conference business, so that the same as amended shall read as follows:

"24. Are there reports from the trustees, and what do they show in answer to the following questions?

"(1) What is the number of churches and parsonages, and what has been expended on the same during the year?

"(2) What is the value of the same?

"(3) What amount of insurance is being carried on churches, parsonages, and schools?

"(4) What amount has been paid in premiums?

"(5) What amount of losses (if any) has occurred, and what amount has been collected thereon?

"(6) Do the deeds contain the trust clauses in the Discipline?

"(7) Where are the title papers kept?

"(8) Where are they recorded? (Give office, book, and page.)"

(d) Calendar No. 62, a paper signed by W. L. C. Hunnicutt, relating to reports being made to Quarterly Conference from the Woman's Foreign and Home Mission Societies. The amendment would read as follows:

Chapter II., Section IV., ¶ 87, page 49: "Ques. 14. Are there any reports from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society? [3 or 4]"

"Ques. 15. What is doing for the cause of Church Extension?

"Ques. 16. Are there any reports from the Woman's Home Mission Society? [3 or 4]"

In the foregoing four papers, we recommend concurrence.

Fourth. Calendar No. B 40, a paper signed by J. R. Nelson *et al.* The paper evidently refers to questions 5 and 26 in business of a Quarterly Conference, pages 48 and 50 of Discipline, although the numbers used are 6 and 4 respectively.

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Also, on the same subject we have considered calendar No 74, a paper signed by E. G. Michael and J. J. Adkins. Amending the two papers would result in striking out question 26, ¶ 87, page 50, and changing ¶ 87, page 48, question 5, so that it shall read as follows:

“Ques. 5. What statistics have been reported to the Annual Conference? [1]”

Also, in Chapter III., Section III., page 62, ¶ 117, strike out the words “at the fourth Quarterly Conference,” so that as amended it shall read as follows:

“Ans. 9. To procure full statistics from every charge, to be reported to the Annual Conference, in case the preacher in charge fails to make his report, and to have the records of his District Conference at the Annual Conference for examination.”

We recommend concurrence.

Fifth. Calendar No. B 39, a paper signed by J. W. Newman *et al.* This asks for changes in questions 5, 7, 11, and 16. The first and fourth requests have already been acted on. We recommend concurrence in the second, and nonconcurrence in the third, relating to question 11.

Question 7 as amended will read:

Chapter II., Section IV., ¶ 87, page 48: “Ques. 7. What amounts have been apportioned to this charge by the district stewards? [1 or 2]”

- (1) For the Presiding Elder?
- (2) For the Bishops?
- (3) For the Conference claimants?
- (4) For Foreign Missions?
- (5) For Domestic Missions?
- (6) For Church Extension?
- (7) For Education?
- (8) For Delegates to the General Conference?

Respectfully submitted:

J. M. MASON, *Chairman.*

CHAS. W. WHITE, *Secretary.*

Revisals.—Report No. 6 was taken up, and item 2 was read and adopted, as follows:

Committee
on Revis-
als, Report
No. 6,
Item 2.

COMMITTEE ON REVISALS, REPORT NO. 6, ITEM 2.

Second. Calendar No. B 25, a paper signed by C. W. White *et al.*, asking for a new question in ¶ 52. As amended it will read (¶ 52, page 37, following question 39):

“40. What are the insurance statistics?”

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Also, that question 40 be numbered 41 and question 41 be numbered 42.

We recommend concurrence.

J. M. MASON, *Chairman.*

C. W. WHITE, *Secretary.*

Committee
on Educa-
tion, Re-
port No. 6.
Item 1
adopted.

Education.—Report No. 6 was taken up and consid-
ered by items.

Item 1 was read and adopted.

Item 2 was read.

Kelley's
amendment
to Item 2.

D. C. Kelley moved as an amendment the following:

Amend so as to read: "Of the amount to be paid to the Trustees of Vanderbilt University, the Board of Education may direct one-half to be used for the benefit of female education in connection with Vanderbilt University."

Previous
question
ordered.

J. J. N. Kenney moved the previous question. The call was sustained, and the amendment of D. C. Kelley did not prevail.

The report
adopted.

The question recurred on the report, and, on motion, it was adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, REPORT NO. 6.

I. Upon the subject-matter of the resolution of Jno. H. Dye, J. D. Hammond, and others, advocating immediate steps toward the establishment of a separate institution for the education of women that shall be equal in every respect to the Vanderbilt University, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the General Conference is in the keenest sympathy with the spirit that prompts this call for ampler facilities for the higher education of our daughters, and rejoice that Vanderbilt University, which is actually doing university work, has opened its doors to women as well as to men. But we are also aware that there is a large class of our people opposed to coeducation, for whose daughters equal facilities should be provided. And while we doubt the wisdom of building other schools until those we have shall have been relieved of indebtedness and well endowed, and therefore hope that those parties desiring to aid in the higher education of our girls will see fit to make their contributions to some one of our institutions already established; nevertheless, if such direction cannot be secured, and persons desiring the establishment of such an institution will donate the necessary funds, we pledge the Board of Education to accept their contributions and to carry out their wishes.

II. The committee has had under prolonged and painstaking consideration the memorials of the St. Louis Preachers'

Meeting and of the Theological Faculty of Vanderbilt University, asking that an assessment of \$100,000 a year be laid upon the Church for four successive years for the endowment of the Biblical Department of that university.

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While your committee cannot recommend concurrence in this proposition, we are deeply impressed with the facts represented, namely, that this department is in urgent need of increased resources, and that being the only distinctly theological school of our entire Church, it has never received any additions to its endowment from our Church or from any member thereof. We are also made acquainted from many sources with the fact that there is an imperative necessity in almost every Annual Conference for materially strengthening the educational institutions of our Church to meet the requirements of the approaching century. In all cases it is important that we advance; in some we have only the alternative to advance or abandon the field. Believing that to abandon our educational work to immediate collapse or gradual decay would be to be recreant to our mission, and would tend to the paralysis and disintegration of our hitherto vigorous organization, and mindful of the wise suggestion of the Joint Commission on Federation, that preparation for our work in the twentieth century should begin with a great reënforcement of our educational strongholds, literary and theological, we recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, 1. That a canvass be begun throughout the Connection not later than January 1, 1899, under the direction of the General Board of Education, to raise one million five hundred thousand dollars for the support of the educational work of the Church.

2. The canvass shall be for cash or legal notes payable within five years, interest being payable semi-annually at six per cent. until the principal is paid.

3. The funds raised are to be applied to the following purposes:

(1) The expenses of the canvass.

(2) The needs of institutions belonging to the Church in each Conference or group of Conferences.

(3) The endowment of the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University. (The proportion to each will appear later.)

4. The effort shall be to raise the amount in cash and notes by January 1, 1901, but the canvass shall be continued until the \$1,500,000 is raised.

5. Organization.

(1) The General Board of Education shall have charge of the canvass.

(2) The President of the Board shall be the general manager. The Secretary of Education, and such others as the Board

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shall appoint from time to time upon his nomination, shall constitute his staff. These shall, through the press and by pamphlet, circulars, and public addresses, and by personal canvass at strategic points, arouse general interest and bend the mind of the Church to the accomplishment of the undertaking.

(3) The canvass in each Annual Conference shall be under the direction of the Conference Board of Education, which shall organize it in harmony with the plans of the General Board. The Conference Secretary of Education and such other helpers as the Conference Board may appoint shall aid in pressing the undertaking to success. The preachers in charge and local Boards of Education, where they exist, shall cooperate in the work in their charges by arranging for meetings and otherwise.

6. All cash and notes shall be made payable to the Treasurers of the Conference Boards of Education. They shall retain in cash five per cent. of the total received to meet the expense of the Conference canvass, and shall send twenty per cent. of the remaining cash and twenty per cent. of the notes to the Treasurer of the General Board. The balance shall be reported to the Conference at its next session for such application as it may order: *provided*, that no appropriation shall be made to any institution which is not the exclusive property of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

7. The Treasurer of the General Board shall retain in cash five per cent. of the amount coming into his hands to meet the expenses of the canvass incurred by its orders, and shall pay over the remainder to the Trustees of Vanderbilt University for the endowment of the Theological Department.

8. The General Board of Education shall have power to suspend or to modify this plan in Conferences where movements have been already begun in the interests of education, or in Conferences where peculiar conditions in their judgment demand such suspension or modification. It shall seek, however, to harmonize all movements with the general plan, and cooperate to bring them to success.

Respectfully submitted:

WM. W. SMITH, *Chairman*.

C. E. DOWMAN, *Secretary*.

Collier's
motion.

Daniel Collier moved that at eleven o'clock the Conference adjourn *sine die*.

Swindell's
amendment
prevails.

F. D. Swindell moved to amend by deciding to adjourn when the calendar shall have been exhausted, and the amendment was adopted.

J. D. Barbee moved to adjourn *sine die*.

Barbee's mo-
tion tabled.

J. R. Brooks moved to table the motion of J. D. Barbee to adjourn *sine die*, and the motion prevailed.

Church Extension.—Report No. 1 was taken up and adopted without reading, as follows:

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Committee
on Church
Extension,
Report
No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION, REPORT NO. 1.

Your Committee on Church Extension respectfully report that they have duly considered the following memorial from the Board of Church Extension, recommending changes in the Discipline, and recommend that you concur in the same:

Item 1. Amend ¶ 78, page 45, by adding at the end of the answer to question 2 the words, "and to call special sessions"; so that the paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

"Ans. Four times a year, at such places as the Conference may appoint, and at such times as the presiding elder may designate. But the presiding elder and preacher in charge shall have authority, when they judge it necessary, to change the place, and to call special sessions."

Item 2. Amend ¶ 199, page 91, by striking out the words, "wherein such property is located," and inserting "to which such property belongs"; so that answer 2, ¶ 199, shall read, as to the first half thereof, as follows:

"Ans. 2. Trustees of district property may be appointed by the District Conference of the district to which such property belongs."

Item 3. Amend ¶ 203, page 93, third line from bottom of page, by striking out "Quarterly" and inserting "District"; so that the sentence shall read: "Where a District Board of Trustees is appointed by a District Conference, such Board shall hold the same relations in all respects to the Conference so appointing."

Item 4. Amend ¶ 424, page 181, by inserting in the third line, after "Conference," the words, "or, if a district parsonage, then of the presiding elder and the District Conference"; and in the last line, after "Quarterly," the words, "or District"; so that the paragraph when amended shall read as follows:

"The trustees, with the consent of the preacher in charge and the Quarterly Conference, or, if a district parsonage, then of the presiding elder and the District Conference, shall have power to sell any church or parsonage property which has gone out of use, or which should be removed to another place, the proceeds of which shall be invested in other church property under the direction of the Quarterly or District Conference."

Item 5. Amend ¶ 426, page 182, by inserting in the second line after "church" the words, "or parsonage"; and in the fourth line by inserting between the words "Conference" and "borrow" the words, "or of the District Conference if it be a

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district parsonage"; so that the paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

"Provided further, that the Board of Trustees of any church or parsonage may, by the consent and authority of its Quarterly Conference, or of the District Conference if it be a district parsonage, borrow money from the Board of Church Extension for the purpose of purchasing or securing church or parsonage lots, or the erection or securing of church or parsonage buildings; and the said trustees, or a majority of them, are authorized to secure the sum so borrowed by a mortgage on such property. In the event of a sale under said mortgage, the surplus money arising therefrom shall be disposed of as provided in ¶ 425."

Item 6. Amend ¶ 427, page 183, by inserting in the fourth line after "Conference" the words, "or of a District Conference if it be a district parsonage"; so that the paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

"Provided further, that the trustees of any church or parsonage property may, by consent and authority of the Quarterly Conference, or of the District Conference if it be a district parsonage, create a lien upon said property conditioned for the repayment to the General or Annual Conference, or City Board, of Church Extension, of any donation made in aid of church or parsonage, by such Board of Church Extension, in the event that such property shall ever thereafter be aliened from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, or cease to be used for, or to be devoted to other uses than, the purposes authorized by the trust clauses in our deeds as prescribed by the Discipline."

Item 7. Let the question on page 164 which now reads, "Is anything advisable in regard to building churches?" read as follows: "What shall be done in regard to building churches, and for the security of our preaching houses, parsonages, and other church property, and the premises belonging thereto?"

Item 8. Strike out the heading "Section III." and the question on page 177.

Item 9. Strike out ¶ 417, page 175, and change the number of ¶ 418 to ¶ 417, and change ¶ 419 to ¶ 418.

Item 10. Let ¶ 419 read as follows:

"¶ 419, Ans. 2. In future we will admit no charter, devise, deed, or conveyance, for any house of worship to be used by us, unless it contains the 'Trust Clause,' or be in conformity thereto. And each Annual Conference is authorized to make such modification in the deeds as it may find the different usages and customs of law require in the different states, and permanently in fee simple to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; but in all conveyances of ground for building of houses of worship, or upon which they have been already built, let the Trust Clause be inserted at the proper place."

Immediately after the foregoing insert the following:

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"¶420, Ans. 3. The Trust Clause will be as follows: In trust that said premises shall be used, kept, maintained, and disposed of as a place of divine worship for the use of the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; subject to the Discipline, usage, and ministerial appointments of said Church, and the Annual Conference within whose bounds said premises are situated."

Item 11. Then let ¶421, Ans. 4, which begins, "Likewise let all conveyances," etc., and ¶432, Ans. 5, which begins, "In all states," etc., follow.

Item 12. Amend ¶378, page 157, by inserting the word "Senior" where the word "office" occurs in the eighth line, so that the sentence shall read: "The Bishops and Senior Secretary of the Board of Missions shall be *ex officio* members of the Board."

Item 13. Amend ¶52, page 36, by striking out present questions 36, 37, and 38, which read as follows:

"36. What is the number of societies, and the number and estimated value of church edifices?

"37. What is the number of pastoral charges, and the number and value of parsonages owned by them?

"38. What is the number and value of district parsonages?"

And inserting the following in lieu thereof:

"36. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them?

"37. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon?

"38. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them?

"39. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon?

"40. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages?

"41. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon?

"42. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage?"

Your committee also recommend that in ¶52, questions 39, 40, and 41 be changed to Questions 43, 44, and 45, so as to conform them to the above arrangement.

Respectfully submitted:

J. D. BARBEE, *Chairman.*

JNO. W. LEWIS, *Secretary.*

Publishing Interests.—Report No. 10 was read, and, on motion, adopted, as follows:

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on Pub-
lishing In-
terests, Re-
port No. 10.

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS, REPORT NO. 10.

Your Committee on Publishing Interests respectfully report that they have considered the petition of Ulrich Knoch, J. J. N. Kenney, and others, for the selection of an editor and manager for the *Pacific Methodist Advocate*, by the Book Committee, and a majority instruct the Chairman to recommend for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the matter of the selection of an editor and manager for the *Pacific Methodist Advocate* be left as heretofore with the Book Committee, after consultation with the bishops.

Respectfully submitted as directed:

J. P. STROTHER, *Chairman*.

Relief of Local
Committee
of Enter-
tainment.

The following resolution was read, and, on motion, adopted:

Whereas the Local Committee of Entertainment has expended for our comfort a considerable sum, about \$3,000; and whereas some of the lectures and other entertainments, from which a revenue was expected, have been seriously hindered by inclement weather; therefore,

Resolved, That, appreciating very highly the courteous hospitality of our hosts, we authorize the General Conference Committee on Entertainment, out of any surplus to the credit of the General Conference Expense Fund, to apply to the relief of the Local Committee any amount not exceeding four hundred dollars.

ALEX G. BROWN,

B. M. BURGHER.

Thanks.

The following resolution of thanks to the Local Committee of Entertainment was read, and, on motion, it was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Conference are due, and are hereby heartily tendered, to the Local Committee of Entertainment for their untiring efforts for the comfort and convenience of the Conference; for the lectures and excursions provided for the instruction and recreation of the delegates and their friends; and for the unnumbered kindnesses which they have shown to the body as a whole, and to the members in particular; and we beg to assure the Local Committee of Entertainment of our appreciation of their kindness, and to record our gratification at being so generously entertained in this goodly city, so full of historic memories of our beloved Church.

A. COKE SMITH,

E. B. CHAPPELL.

Instructions
to Book
Editor.

The following resolutions were presented, amended on motion of J. J. Tigert, and adopted as amended:

Resolved, That the Book Editor be instructed to prepare a blank for our annual statistics, using the old form, with the following modifications: MAY 23.
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1. In table No. 1, strike out the column "Colored Members," and the word "White" in the column "White Members."

2. In table No. 2, between the columns "Delegates to General Conference" and "Other Objects," insert one column for "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society," and another for "Woman's Home Mission Society."

3. Correct the ambiguous columns, "Total Collections."

4. Combine tables "1" and "3," making only two sets in all.

Provided, that the Book Editor shall find the aforesaid suggestions to be practicable.

J. W. NEWMAN,

E. B. CHAPPELL.

Finance.—Report No. 7 was read, and, on motion, adopted, as follows:

Committee
on Fi-
nance, Re-
port No. 7.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, REPORT NO. 7.

Your Committee on Finance have had under consideration the following resolution, signed by G. G. N. MacDonell, J. O. Branch, and N. E. Harris:

Resolved, That ¶ 332, page 142 of the Discipline, be amended by adding this proviso to the paragraph: "*provided further*, that when a preacher breaks down in the work, and is placed on the superannuated list, his claim shall begin from the time he ceases to receive any support from his last charge."

As amended, the paragraph will read as follows:

"To receive all moneys collected as Conference collections or otherwise, and distribute the same to the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased members of the Conference, according to their best judgment of their several necessities: *provided, however*, that in cases of equal necessity, the Board shall take into account the time of active service rendered by the claimants: *provided further*, that when a preacher breaks down in the work, and is placed on the superannuated list, his claim shall begin from the time he ceases to receive any support from his last charge."

We recommend concurrence.

E. W. COLE, *Chairman*.

J. D. CLARY, *Secretary*.

Education.—Report No. 5 was read, as follows:

Committee
on Educa-
tion, Re-
port No. 5.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, REPORT NO. 5.

Your committee has had under consideration the following resolution, referred to them by the Conference, and recommend its adoption:

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Resolved, That the presentation of the B.D. diploma from Vanderbilt University by an applicant for admission on trial in any of our Annual Conferences shall be considered the equivalent of the required examinations in the books that are covered by this degree, and that in these studies the examinations may be omitted.

W. W. SMITH, *Chairman*.

C. E. DOWMAN, *Secretary*.

Tabled.

Rumsey Smithson moved that the report be laid on the table, and the motion prevailed.

A division having been called for, 60 votes were cast for tabling, and 45 against.

Committee on
Finance,
Report No. 9.

Finance.—Report No. 9 was read, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, REPORT NO. 9.

Your Committee on Finance have had referred to them a resolution from J. B. McGehee, asking that the Joint Board of Finance be appointed quadrennially. We recommend concurrence, and suggest the following change in the Discipline: That ¶ 330, page 141, be changed so that it shall read: "Each Annual Conference shall have a Joint Board of Finance, appointed by the President of the Conference (unless otherwise ordered) at the close of its first session after the adjournment of the General Conference, to hold their office for four years."

Respectfully submitted:

E. W. COLE, *Chairman*.

J. D. CLARY, *Secretary*.

Kerley's
motion
withdrawn.

T. A. Kerley, of the Tennessee Conference, moved as an amendment that we substitute "nonconcurrence" for "concurrence."

The report
tabled.

This motion was withdrawn, and the motion to adopt the report was laid on the table.

Committee on
Publishing
Interests,
Report No. 3.

Publishing Interests.—Report No. 3 was taken up and read, and, on motion, adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS, REPORT NO. 3.

Your Committee on Publishing Interests respectfully report that they have considered the petition of J. J. N. Kenney and others, to provide for the publication of the *Pacific Methodist Advocate* for the next four years, and for that purpose to apply not less than \$8,000 for the next quadrennium, and they recommend in lieu thereof the appropriation of the sum of \$7,000, and that sum be credited by balance of \$1,072.12, shown to be in the hands of the editor and manager of that paper, as per report of the Book Agents made to this Conference; and for that purpose we submit for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That there is hereby appropriated to the support of the *Pacific Methodist Advocate* during the next quadrennium the

sum of \$7,000, that sum to be credited by balance of \$1,072.12, now in the hands of the present editor and manager of that paper, and belonging to the Publishing House at Nashville.

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Respectfully submitted:

J. P. STROTHER, *Chairman*.

Item 5 of Report No. 6 of the Committee on Revisals was presented by J. M. Mason, of the Alabama Conference, and a motion made that it be adopted.

Committee
on Revis-
als, Re-
port No. 6,
Item 5.

T. A. Kerley moved as an amendment that there be one representative for every hundred members.

Kerley's
amend-
ment.

On motion, the whole matter was laid on the table.

The whole
tabled.
Alexander's
motion.

Gross Alexander moved the reconsideration of the vote by which the Conference decided not to allow the B.D. diploma to count on the Conference course of study.

On motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Tabled.

The minutes of the evening session were read and approved.

Minutes
approved.

Bishop Wilson announced Hymn 194,

I love thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of thine abode,

which was sung by the Conference.

E. A. Bailey, of the Northwest Texas Conference, led in prayer.

The doxology was sung, and the General Conference adjourned *sine die*, with the benediction by Bishop Wilson.

Adjourn-
ment,
sine die.

JNO. J. TIGERT, *Secretary*.

GROSS ALEXANDER,

A. F. WATKINS,

JOHN M. BARCUS,

W. T. McCLURE,

Assistant Secretaries.

JOHN C. KEENER,

ALPHEUS W. WILSON,

JOHN C. GRANBERY,

ROBERT K. HARGROVE,

WILLIAM W. DUNCAN,

CHARLES B. GALLOWAY,

EUGENE R. HENDRIX,

JOSEPH S. KEY,

OSCAR P. FITZGERALD,

WARREN A. CANDLER,

HENRY C. MORRISON.

APPENDIX I.

A.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION APPOINTED TO EXAMINE THE ARTICLES OF RELIGION.

[See Journal, p. 89.]

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Baltimore, Md., May 5, 1898.

By order of the last General Conference a Commission was appointed to examine the text of the Articles of Religion, to publish in our Church papers the result of the examination, and to submit to this General Conference such recommendations as seemed to be necessary.

The Commission met in June, 1895, and adopted a report which was published in *The Methodist Review* of September-October, 1895, and also in our Church papers. This report, slightly altered, is submitted to the General Conference with the following recommendations:

1. That the General Conference declare the text of the Articles of Religion contained in the report to be the standard text of the Articles of Religion of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. That the footnote to Article XXIII. shall stand as amended by the General Conference of 1854.

3. That the Book Editor and Book Agents shall cause the text, with the footnote, to be put into plates, and the text thus put into plates shall hereafter constitute the standard copy of our Articles of Religion, and shall be placed in the custody of the Bishops; and that the Book Editor shall attach to the Articles of Religion, published in the Discipline, Hymn Book, and other works, a certificate that he has compared the Articles of Religion contained in the publication with the standard text, and has found them to agree therewith.

EUGENE R. HENDRIX, *Chairman*,
COLLINS DENNY, *Secretary*,
W. G. E. CUNNINGHAM,
JNO. J. TIGERT, *Commissioners*.

THE General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which met in Memphis, Tenn., in May, 1894, appointed a commission to examine the text of the Articles of Religion.

Rev. W. P. Harrison, D.D., LL.D., of the South Georgia Conference, was a member of this commission, and from his broad and accurate knowledge of much that pertained to our Church, the commissioners and the whole Church expected great assistance in the work with which they are charged. The death of Dr. Harrison has deprived the commission of his help.

The remaining members of the commission, as directed by the General Conference of 1894, make the following report to the General Conference of 1898:

1. We find that the Articles have been changed since their adoption in 1784.

2. In noting the changes, it is necessary to make a distinction between the alterations that were made prior to the adjournment of the General Conference of 1808 and those that have occurred subsequently, for the reason that said General Conference of 1808 adopted the Restrictive Rules, the first of which

Rules safeguards the Articles of Religion against changes by the delegated General Conference alone.

3. Prior to 1808 we find the following changes:

A. Changes for which authority can be discovered.

Article XXIII. which first appeared in the Discipline in 1786 read as follows:

Of the Rulers of the United-States of America.

THE Congress, the General Assemblies, the Governors, and the Councils of State, *as the Delegates of the People*, are the Rulers of the United States of America, according to the division of power made to them by the general Act of Confederation, and by the constitutions of their respective States. And the said States ought not to be subject to any foreign jurisdiction.

In the Discipline of 1790 the Article reads as follows: "The President, the Congress, the General Assemblies," etc. While we have discovered no authority for the addition at that time of the two words, "The President," yet in 1804 the General Conference, with full authority to amend, adopted the following:

Of the Rulers of the United States of America.

THE president, the congress, the general assemblies, the governors, and the councils of state, *as the delegates of the people*, are the rulers of the United States of America, according to the division of power made to them by the constitution of the United States, and by the constitutions of their respective states. And the said states are a sovereign and independent nation, and ought not to be subject to any foreign jurisdiction.—[See Journal 1804, page 51.]

B. Changes for which no authority can be discovered.

Article I. as adopted in 1784, at the organization of the Church, read:

THERE is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body, parts, or passions, etc.

In the Discipline of 1786, and till the present time, the Article reads:

There is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body or parts; etc.

Article II. as adopted in 1784, at the organization of the Church, read:

THE Son, who is the Word of the Father, begotten from everlasting of the Father, the very and eternal God, etc.

In the Discipline of 1786, and till the present time, the Article reads:

The Son, who is the Word of the Father, the very and eternal God, etc.

The Discipline of 1786 is found in a volume entitled, "The Sunday Service of the Methodists in the United States of America, with Other Occasional Services." This volume was printed in London, and we have no knowledge by what authority, if any, these changes were made.

4. The changes in the Articles since 1808 have been numerous, though mostly errors of the press, and all of them have been without authority.

The nearest approach to an authorized standard text of the Articles of Religion is to be found in the Discipline of 1808; but that edition contains obvious typographical errors. If these errors be corrected, your commission is unanimously of the opinion that the following constitutes a standard text of the Articles of Religion of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South:

ARTICLES OF RELIGION.

I. *Of Faith in the Holy Trinity.*

THERE is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body or parts; of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness; the Maker and Preserver of all things, both visible and invisible. And in unity of this Godhead, there are three persons of one substance, power, and eternity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

II. *Of the Word, or Son of God, who was made very Man.*

THE SON, who is the Word of the Father, the very and eternal God, of one substance with the Father, took man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin; so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say, the Godhead and manhood, were joined together in one person, never to be divided, whereof is one Christ, very God and very man, who truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile his Father to us, and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for actual sins of men.

III. *Of the Resurrection of Christ.*

CHRIST did truly rise again from the dead, and took again his body, with all things appertaining to the perfection of man's nature, wherewith he ascended into heaven, and there sitteth until he return to judge all men at the last day.

IV. *Of the Holy Ghost.*

THE Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is of one substance, majesty, and glory, with the Father and the Son, very and eternal God.

V. *Of the Sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures for Salvation.*

HOLY SCRIPTURE containeth all things necessary to salvation; so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of the faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation. In the name of the Holy

Scripture, we do understand those canonical books of the Old and New Testament, of whose authority was never any doubt in the Church.

Of the Names of the Canonical Books.

GENESIS,
 Exodus,
 Leviticus,
 Numbers,
 Deuteronomy,
 Joshua,
 Judges,
 Ruth,
 The First Book of Samuel,
 The Second Book of Samuel,
 The First Book of Kings,
 The Second Book of Kings,
 The First Book of Chronicles,
 The Second Book of Chronicles,
 The Book of Ezra,
 The Book of Nehemiah,
 The Book of Esther,
 The Book of Job,
 The Psalms,
 The Proverbs,
 Ecclesiastes, or the Preacher,
 Cantica, or Songs of Solomon,
 Four Prophets the greater,
 Twelve Prophets the less.

All the Books of the New Testament, as they are commonly received, we do receive and account canonical.

VI. Of the Old Testament.

THE Old Testament is not contrary to the New; for both in the Old and New Testament everlasting life is offered to mankind by Christ, who is the only Mediator between God and man, being both God and man. Wherefore they are not to be heard, who feign that the old fathers did look only for transitory promises. Although the law given from God by Moses, as touching ceremonies and rites, doth not bind Christians, nor ought the civil precepts thereof of necessity to be received in any commonwealth; yet, notwithstanding, no Christian whatsoever is free from the obedience of the commandments which are called moral.

VII. Of Original or Birth Sin.

ORIGINAL sin standeth not in the following of Adam (as the Pelagians do vainly talk), but it is the corruption of the nature of every man, that naturally is engendered of the offspring of Adam, whereby man is very far gone from original righteousness, and of his own nature inclined to evil, and that continually.

VIII. *Of Free-Will.*

THE condition of man after the fall of Adam is such, that he cannot turn and prepare himself by his own natural strength and works to faith, and calling upon God; wherefore we have no power to do good works, pleasant and acceptable to God, without the grace of God by Christ preventing us, that we may have a good will, and working with us, when we have that good will.

IX. *Of the Justification of Man.*

WE are accounted righteous before God, only for the merit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, by faith, and not for our own works or deservings; wherefore, that we are justified by faith only, is a most wholesome doctrine, and very full of comfort.

X. *Of Good Works.*

ALTHOUGH good works, which are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, cannot put away our sins, and endure the severity of God's judgment; yet are they pleasing and acceptable to God in Christ, and spring out of a true and lively faith, insomuch that by them a lively faith may be as evidently known, as a tree discerned by its fruit.

XI. *Of Works of Supererogation.*

VOLUNTARY works, besides, over and above God's commandments, which they call works of supererogation, cannot be taught without arrogancy and impiety. For by them men do declare, That they do not only render unto God as much as they are bound to do, but that they do more for his sake than of bounden duty is required: whereas Christ saith plainly, When ye have done all that is commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants.

XII. *Of Sin after Justification.*

NOR every sin, willingly committed after justification, is the sin against the Holy Ghost, and unpardonable. Wherefore the grant of repentance is not to be denied to such as fall into sin after justification: after we have received the Holy Ghost, we may depart from grace given, and fall into sin, and by the grace of God rise again, and amend our lives. And therefore they are to be condemned who say they can no more sin as long as they live here, or deny the place of forgiveness to such as truly repent.

XIII. *Of the Church.*

THE visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men, in the which the pure word of God is preached, and the sacraments duly administered according to Christ's ordinance, in all those things that of necessity are requisite to the same.

XIV. *Of Purgatory.*

THE Romish doctrine concerning purgatory, pardons, worshipping, and adoration, as well of images as of relics, and also invocation of saints, is a fond thing vainly invented, and grounded upon no warrant of Scripture, but repugnant to the word of God.

XV. *Of speaking in the Congregation in such a Tongue as the People understand.*

It is a thing plainly repugnant to the word of God, and the custom of the

Primitive Church, to have public prayer in the Church, or to minister the sacraments in a tongue not understood by the people.

XVI. *Of the Sacraments.*

SACRAMENTS ordained of Christ, are not only badges or tokens of Christian men's profession; but rather they are certain signs of grace, and God's good will towards us, by the which he doth work invisibly in us, and doth not only quicken, but also strengthen and confirm our faith in him.

There are two sacraments ordained of Christ our Lord in the Gospel; that is to say, Baptism and the Supper of the Lord.

Those five commonly called sacraments; that is to say, Confirmation, Penance, Orders, Matrimony, and extreme Unction, are not to be counted for Sacraments of the Gospel, being such as have partly grown out of the corrupt following of the apostles, and partly are states of life allowed in the Scriptures, but yet have not the like nature of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, because they have not any visible sign or ceremony ordained of God.

The sacraments were not ordained of Christ to be gazed upon, or to be carried about; but that we should duly use them. And in such only as worthily receive the same, they have a wholesome effect or operation; but they that receive them unworthily, purchase to themselves condemnation, as St. Paul saith.

XVII. *Of Baptism.*

BAPTISM is not only a sign of profession, and mark of difference, whereby Christians are distinguished from others that are not baptized; but it is also a sign of regeneration, or the new birth. The baptism of young children is to be retained in the Church.

XVIII. *Of the Lord's Supper.*

THE Supper of the Lord is not only a sign of the love that Christians ought to have among themselves one to another, but rather is a sacrament of our redemption by Christ's death: insomuch, that to such as rightly, worthily, and with faith receive the same, the bread which we break is a partaking of the body of Christ; and likewise the cup of blessing is a partaking of the blood of Christ.

Transubstantiation, or the change of the substance of bread and wine in the Supper of the Lord, cannot be proved by Holy Writ; but is repugnant to the plain words of Scripture, overthroweth the nature of a sacrament, and hath given occasion to many superstitions.

The body of Christ is given, taken, and eaten in the Supper, only after an heavenly and spiritual manner. And the mean whereby the body of Christ is received and eaten in the Supper, is faith.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was not by Christ's ordinance reserved, carried about, lifted up, or worshipped.

XIX. *Of both Kinds.*

THE cup of the Lord is not to be denied to the lay-people; for both the parts of the Lord's Supper, by Christ's ordinance and commandment, ought to be administered to all Christians alike.

XX. *Of the One Oblation of Christ, finished upon the Cross.*

THE offering of Christ once made, is that perfect redemption, propitiation, and satisfaction for all the sins of the whole world, both original and actual; and there is none other satisfaction for sin but that alone. Wherefore the sacrifice of masses, in the which it is commonly said that the priest doth offer Christ for the quick and the dead, to have remission of pain or guilt, is a blasphemous fable, and dangerous deceit.

XXI. *Of the Marriage of Ministers.*

THE ministers of Christ are not commanded by God's law either to vow the estate of single life, or to abstain from marriage; therefore it is lawful for them, as for all other Christians, to marry at their own discretion, as they shall judge the same to serve best to godliness.

XXII. *Of the Rites and Ceremonies of Churches.*

It is not necessary that rites and ceremonies should in all places be the same, or exactly alike; for they have been always different, and may be changed according to the diversity of countries, times, and men's manners, so that nothing be ordained against God's word. Whosoever, through his private judgment, willingly and purposely doth openly break the rites and ceremonies of the Church to which he belongs, which are not repugnant to the word of God, and are ordained and approved by common authority, ought to be rebuked openly, that others may fear to do the like, as one that offendeth against the common order of the Church, and woundeth the consciences of weak brethren.

Every particular Church may ordain, change, or abolish rites and ceremonies, so that all things may be done to edification.

XXIII. *Of the Rulers of the United States of America.*

THE president, the congress, the general assemblies, the governors, and the councils of state, *as the delegates of the people*, are the rulers of the United States of America, according to the division of power made to them by the constitution of the United States, and by the constitutions of their respective states. And the said states are a sovereign and independent nation, and ought not to be subject to any foreign jurisdiction.

XXIV. *Of Christian Men's Goods.*

THE riches and goods of Christians are not common as touching the right, title, and possession of the same, as some do falsely boast. Notwithstanding, every man ought, of such things as he possesseth, liberally to give alms to the poor according to his ability.

XXV. *Of a Christian Man's Oath.*

As we confess that vain and rash swearing is forbidden Christian men by our Lord Jesus Christ and James his apostle; so we judge that the Christian religion doth not prohibit, but that a man may swear when the magistrate requireth, in a cause of faith and charity, so it be done according to the prophet's teaching, in justice, judgment, and truth.

Article XXIII. has a footnote appended. This footnote,

which was adopted by the General Conference of 1820 (see Journal, pages 214, 215), is not a part of our Articles of Religion, since it was enacted by General Conference authority alone, and it is therefore stated in this separate place. As originally adopted it read as follows:

As far as it respects civil affairs, we believe it the duty of Christians, and especially all christian ministers, to be subject to the supreme authority of the country where they may reside, and to use all laudable means to enjoin obedience to the *powers that be*: and therefore it is expected that all our preachers and people, who may be under the British or any other government, will behave themselves as peaceable and orderly subjects.

In 1854 the General Conference (see Journal, pages 362, 364) directed that the following words be omitted: "who may be under the British or any other government." Instead of conforming to this resolution, the Discipline of 1854, and all the editions since that date, substituted the words, "who may be under any foreign government." Your commission have not been able to discover any authority for this substitution. If the action of the General Conferences of 1820 and 1854 be complied with, the note should read as follows:

As far as it respects civil affairs, we believe it the duty of Christians, and especially all Christian ministers, to be subject to the supreme authority of the country where they may reside, and to use all laudable means to enjoin obedience to the powers that be; and, therefore, it is expected that all our preachers and people will behave themselves as peaceable and orderly subjects.

EUGENE R. HENDRIX, *Chairman*,
COLLINS DENNY, *Secretary*,
W. G. E. CUNNINGHAM,
JNO. J. TIGERT,
Commissioners.

B.

MINUTES OF THE JOINT COMMISSION ON FEDERATION BETWEEN THE TWO METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCHES.

[See Journal, page 72.]

THE Joint Commission on Federation, appointed by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, met in the Foundry Methodist Episcopal Church on Friday morning, January 7, 1898.

The Commissioners present from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, were Bishop J. C. Granbery, D.D., Bishop R. K. Hargrove, D.D., Bishop W. W. Duncan, D.D., Rev. E. E. Hoss, D.D., Rev. G. G. N. MacDonell, D.D., Rev. J. H. Dye, D.D., Judge Walter Clark, Prof. R. W. Jones, Col. Asa Holt. From the Methodist Episcopal Church the Commissioners present were Bishop S. M. Merrill, D.D., Bishop W. X. Ninde, D.D., Rev. R. J. Cooke, D.D., Robert T. Miller, Esq., Thomas H. Murray, Esq.

On motion of Bishop Ninde, Bishop Granbery was chosen Chairman *pro tempore*, after which Bishop Merrill led in prayer. Various telegrams and letters praying for the Divine guidance in behalf of the Commission were received.

On motion of Bishop Ninde, the action of each of the two General Conferences authorizing the Commission was read, Dr. Hoss reading the resolutions adopted by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Bishop Merrill reading those adopted by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Bishop Merrill made some remarks concerning the absence of some of the Commissioners of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Bishop Ninde moved that the Commission be permitted to name substitutes for those who were absent, and, this being agreed to, Bishop John F. Hurst was put in the place of Bishop J. N. Fitzgerald, and the Rev. L. B. Wilson, D.D., in the place of Rev. J. F. Goucher, D.D.

Dr. Hoss moved that the rules of order adopted by the Cape May Commission be adopted by this Commission. The motion prevailed, and the rules were accordingly adopted, as follows:

1. The Chairmen of the respective Commissions shall preside at the sessions of the Joint Commission in alternation, and the Secretaries of the two Commissions shall act conjointly as the Secretaries of the sessions of said Commission.

2. In view of the greatness of the responsibility imposed upon us, and in view of our utter dependence upon Divine guidance in a matter of so much importance, a half-hour shall be spent in earnest prayer at the commencement of each daily session of the Commission.

3. All the resolutions, propositions, and reports shall be submitted in writing, signed by the member or members offering the same.

4. No action of the Joint Commission shall be deemed valid unless by a majority vote of each Board of Commissioners.

5. The deliberations of said Commission shall be governed by the ordinary rules of deliberative bodies.

6. The deliberations of the Joint Commission shall be in secret session, and its proceedings shall not be disclosed until final action shall have been taken and officially promulgated, except by order of the Joint Commission.

7. Votes of the Joint Commission shall be taken by yeas and nays whenever three members of the Joint Commission shall require it.

Dr. Hoss presented a paper, written by Bishop Granbery, and expressing the views of the Commissioners of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which was read, as follows:

We, the Commissioners of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, think it becoming that we state to the Joint Commission the motives and purposes of our General Conference in originating this movement for federation. We therefore call your attention to the following report on Federation, which was adopted by the General Conference May 19, 1894:

"Your committee has had before it various papers bearing on the subject of Methodist Federation, and begs leave to submit the following report.

"Whereas the Second Ecumenical Methodist Conference, assembled in Washington City, in October, 1891, passed the following resolution:

"1. The Conference recognizes, with gratitude to God, the growing desire for a closer union of the evangelical Churches of Christendom, and especially hails with devout thankfulness the extension of that desire among the various Methodist Churches.

"2. The Conference cannot doubt that concerted action among the different Methodist bodies upon many questions would be greatly to the advantage of the kingdom of God. The Conference would suggest that such concerted action might be possible and useful in the following great provinces of the Methodist world, namely: (a) Great Britain and Ireland, including affiliated Conferences and missions; (b) the United States, including missions and mission Conferences; (c) Australia, with Polynesia and its other missions; (d) Canada, with its missions.

"3. This Conference, therefore, respectfully requests the Churches represented in this Conference to consider whether such concerted action be possible; and if so, by what means and in what way; and directs the Secretaries to forward a copy of this resolution to the Senior Bishop or President of every Conference represented here.

"Therefore, resolved, by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now in session, 1. That, while we do not in the least recognize the Ecumenical Conference as having any legislative power, the bishops be requested to appoint a Commission on Federation, consisting of three bishops, three ministers, and three lay men, and that the Secretary be instructed to notify the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of this action, and request it to appoint a similar Commission.

"2. That this Commission shall have power to enter into negotiations with said similar Commission from the Methodist Episcopal Church, if one shall be appointed, and with similar Commissions from other Methodist bodies, with a view to abating hurtful competitions and the waste of men and money in home and foreign fields.

"3. That any arrangements that such Commission may make shall be reported to the next General Conference for adoption, alteration, or rejection."

We also remind you of the declaration and basis of fraternity which was adopted without a dissentient voice by the Cape May Commission, as follows:

"Status of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and their coordinate relations as legitimate branches of Episcopal Methodism.

"Each of said Churches is a legitimate branch of Episcopal Methodism in the United States, having a common origin in the Methodist Episcopal Church, organized in 1784; and since the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was consummated, in 1846, by the voluntary exercise of the right of the Southern Annual Conferences, ministers, and members to adhere to that communion, it has been an evangelical Church, reared on scriptural foundations, and her ministers and members, with those of the Methodist Episcopal Church, have constituted one Methodist family, though in distinct ecclesiastical connections."

That Commission decided questions concerning conflicting claims to Church property in so just and liberal a spirit as to settle the local contentions and give general satisfaction.

The questions which come before this Commission relate not to property, but to such occupation of the same territory by the two great branches of Episcopal Methodism as tends to produce friction and waste, and injure rather than promote the common cause, namely, the spreading of scriptural holiness through these and other lands.

The two Churches are one in faith and in most features of polity. They closely resemble in religious fervor and in methods for extending the kingdom of God and edifying believers. The reasons for harmony and hearty coöperation between them are very strong. We do not desire to reopen any disputes of 1844 or of later date. We view the present situation, its responsibilities and opportunities. Where one of these Churches has been long and firmly established, gives evidence of healthy and vigorous life, is growing surely and rapidly, and is active and enterprising in providing for the spiritual needs of the community, according to the doctrines and usages of Methodism, it seems unwise that the other should enter and seek to divide the Methodist people. If a feeble start has already been made, the societies which have been formed make slow and doubtful progress, and are maintained year after year by the help of missionary funds, to withdraw would endanger no interest of the kingdom of God, but remove an unseemly and unprofitable competition, and augment the resources in men and money for the cultivation of needy fields. This view was very definitely expressed by the Cape May Commission:

"In order to further promote the peaceful results contemplated by this Joint Commission, and to remove as far as may be all occasion, and especially to forestall all further occasion, for hostility between the two Churches, we recommend to the members of both, as a wise rule of settlement where property is in contest, and one or both are weak, that they compose their differences by uniting in the same communion; and in all cases, that the ministers and members recognize each other in all relations of fraternity, and as possessed of ecclesiastical rights and privileges of equal dignity and validity. They should each receive from the other ministers and members in good standing with the same alacrity and credit as if coming from their own Church, and, without interference with the other's institutions or missions, they should, nevertheless, cooperate in all Christian enterprises."

These privileges apply to the white people of our own country and also to foreign missions; as our Church has no negro membership, there can be no competition between us and the Methodist Episcopal Church in respect to the colored race. We do not think it proper in this paper to do more than suggest these principles in this general way. If they should be approved by the Joint Commission, there are numerous other important matters looking in the direction of harmony and cooperation that, in our judgment, it would be wise for us to consider.

J. C. GRANBERRY, *Chairman.*

E. E. HOSS, *Secretary.*

After brief discussion by Bishops Merrill and Ninde, it was moved by Dr. R. J. Cooke, and seconded by Bishop R. K. Hargrove, that this paper be referred to the Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the motion prevailed.

An invitation was presented by Bishop John F. Hurst to the Joint Commission to a reception at his home this evening, and, the invitation having been accepted, it was agreed that the Commission should hold an evening session there.

It was determined that the Commission should meet at 9:30 A.M., and adjourn at 12:30 P.M.; and should meet again at 2 P.M., and adjourn at will.

On motion, the Commission then adjourned.

SECOND SESSION.

The Commission met at 2 P.M. in pursuance of adjournment. Bishop S. M. Merrill took the chair, and called on Bishop R. K. Hargrove to lead in prayer. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Dr. Cooke presented the following communication from the Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

The Commission on Federation of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in the Foundry Church to consider a paper presented by Commissioners of

the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Those present were: Bishop Merrill (Chairman), Bishops W. X. Ninde and J. F. Hurst, and R. J. Cooke, T. H. Murray, L. B. Wilson, and R. T. Miller.

The paper was considered *seriatim*, and, on motion, it was agreed that the paper should be cordially approved, omitting the period beginning with the words, "These privileges apply to the white people," and closing with the words, "respect to the colored race."

On motion of Bishop Hargrove, seconded by Bishop Hurst, the paper referred to in this communication—namely, the one presented by the Commissioners of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with the amendment suggested by the Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church—was unanimously adopted by the Joint Commission.

Dr. E. E. Hoss, Secretary of the Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, read a second paper from that Commission, bearing on some practical aspects of federation, as follows:

We desire to submit the following suggestions, additional to those contained in our former paper.

1. Would it not be possible for the two Churches to adjust their foreign missionary work in such a manner as to secure greater economy in the matter of episcopal oversight, and greater unity of effort among the widely scattered laborers in the different fields? The question is, we think, well worth the serious consideration of the Joint Commission.

2. As the mere general recognition of abstract principles is of little value unless there be some practical and effective method of putting them into operation, we raise the inquiry whether it would not be wise and right for the General Conferences of the two Churches to take steps toward creating a permanent Joint Board of Arbitration, or Joint Federal Council, to be invested with advisory functions concerning all difficulties or misunderstandings that may possibly arise from time to time between the two Churches. Such a Board or Council might consist of three members from each Church—one bishop, one elder, and one layman, with the senior Secretaries of the respective Boards of Missions and Church Extension as members *ex officio*; and the actions of this Board shall be reported at once to the Secretaries of the Boards of Bishops of the respective Churches.

3. We conceive it to be a thing of the greatest importance that the doctrinal unity of Methodism should be preserved intact, and are anxious to adopt whatever measures may tend to accomplish that result. As bearing upon this particular point, we therefore propose the preparation of a common catechism, in which the essential features of our theology may be presented in a form and manner adapted to the needs of the present generation, and especially suitable for use in families and Sunday schools.

4. The hymn books of the different bodies of Methodists throughout the world are already much alike, being all predominantly Wesleyan in character. Why should there not be a common hymn book as well as a common

catechism, each to be prepared by a competent and representative committee?

5. We have noticed with pain the wide divergence of forms of worship in our Methodist congregations. Is it not desirable and practicable to provide for a devout and simple uniformity in this regard?

6. The International Epworth League Conference seems to have become a fixed part of our machinery. It occurs to us, therefore, that it would be eminently expedient to put that Conference under the protection of positive law, and to make it a delegated and responsible body.

7. The close of the nineteenth century draws nigh. It has been the immemorial custom of the Christian Church to celebrate such great natural epochs in some suitable way. We can think of nothing that would be more fit at the present juncture to engage the attention of our people than a universal concerted effort in behalf of Christian education.

JOHN C. GRANBERY, *Chairman.*

E. E. HOSS, *Secretary.*

After a very full discussion, in which Bishops Ninde, Hurst, Granbery, Hargrove, and Duncan, and Drs. Cooke, Wilson, MacDonell, and Dye, and Mr. Miller, Prof. Jones, Judge Clarke, and Col. Holt took part, the paper was referred to a committee of eight for fuller consideration, and Bishops Merrill and Granbery, Mr. Miller and Judge Clarke, Drs. MacDonell, Wilson, and Hoss, and Mr. Murray were appointed to constitute said committee.

Dr. R. J. Cooke offered the following resolution, which was referred to the same committee:

Resolved, That this Joint Commission recommend to the General Conferences of the respective Churches represented in this Commission that, in order to prevent undue haste and unchristian zeal in the reception of members and ministers by either Church from the other, a disciplinary law of special clearness and emphasis be enacted for the government of the respective Churches.

R. J. COOKE.

On motion of Bishop Hurst, the last item in the second paper presented by the Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South—namely, the one bearing on the question of Christian education—was referred to a special committee of eight, and Bishops Hurst, Duncan, and Hargrove, Prof. R. W. Jones, Dr. John H. Dye, Col. Asa Holt, Bishop W. X. Ninde, and Dr. R. J. Cooke were appointed to constitute the committee.

On motion, the Commission adjourned to meet at the residence of Bishop John F. Hurst, at 7:30 P.M.

THIRD SESSION.

The Commission met at the residence of Bishop John F. Hurst,

at 7:30 P.M., Bishop S. M. Merrill in the chair, and, in order to give the committees full opportunity for doing their work promptly, adjourned to meet in the parlors of the Foundry Church, at 9:30 to-morrow morning.

FOURTH SESSION.

The fourth session of the Joint Commission convened at 9:30 A.M., Bishop Granbery in the chair. Bishop Ninde conducted the half-hour devotional services, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The regular order of business was then taken up, and the committee to whom the second paper from the Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was referred read the following report:

The committee appointed at the session of yesterday afternoon to consider the paper presented by the Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, agreed unanimously to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, 1. That we recommend to the General Conferences of our respective Churches to adopt measures for the joint administration of our publishing interests in China and Japan.

2. That we recommend the taking of prompt steps for the preparation of a common catechism, a common hymn book, and a common order of public worship, and that other branches of Methodism be invited to coöperate in this undertaking.

Dr. G. G. N. MacDonell, seconded by Bishop Ninde, moved the following substitute for the resolution referring to publishing matters in Eastern Asia:

Believing that a wiser and more efficient management of the publishing interests of the two Churches in China must be secured by united and concentrated effort,

Resolved, That we recommend that the respective General Conferences of the two Churches adopt such measures as will result in the establishment, under a General Board of Management, of a publishing house at Shanghai.

Bishop Hargrove, seconded by Bishop Duncan, moved an amendment to the substitute so that it should read: "A publishing house at Shanghai for China, Japan, and Korea."

Explanations being offered, the amendment was withdrawn.

The motion on the substitute was then put to vote, with the result: Yeas—Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 3; Methodist Episcopal Church, 1; Nays—Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 4; Methodist Episcopal Church, 5.

Dr. L. B. Wilson offered as a substitute for the original resolution: "That we recommend to the General Conference the joint administration of educational and publishing interests in foreign mission fields whenever practicable."

The substitute was lost, and a vote on the adoption of the original resolution, as amended, was then taken, and the resolution was adopted.

Prof. R. W. Jones offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we further recommend in our educational work in Eastern Asia the adoption of measures looking to the harmonious coöperation of our missions.

The closing resolution of the report of the committee, "That we recommend the taking of prompt steps for the preparation of a common catechism, a common hymn book, and a common order of public worship, and that other branches of Methodism be invited to coöperate in this undertaking," was also adopted.

The Commission then adjourned according to rule.

FIFTH SESSION.

The fifth session of the Joint Commission convened at 2:30 P.M. Bishop Merrill took the chair, and asked Bishop Duncan to lead in prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The second item of the paper presented by the Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, bearing on the question of a Joint Board of Arbitration, was read and discussed at length by Drs. Cooke, Hoss, and Wilson, and Bishops Hargrove, Duncan, and Merrill. In connection with this general subject, Bishop Duncan offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we recommend the respective General Conferences to enact provisions to the effect that where either Church is doing the work expected of Methodism, the other Church shall not organize a society nor erect a church building until the bishops of the two Churches in charge of that field have been consulted.

The general scope of this resolution met with cordial approval. In order to make it more definite, Dr. Wilson moved to amend the last clause so as to make it read, "until the bishop having jurisdiction in the case of the work proposed shall be consulted and his approval obtained."

The amendment was accepted by Bishop Duncan, and the resolution, as amended, was then unanimously adopted.

The committee appointed to consider item 7 in the second paper presented by the Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, bearing on the subject of Christian education, made the following report, through its Chairman, Bishop Hurst:

In view of the many efforts to give a purely secular direction to all forms of education, we are convinced that the time has arrived when greater attention should be given to higher education under Christian auspices than ever before, and when the Church should feel its full responsibility for the wise and safe training of all its young people. We are approaching the close of the nineteenth century, and believe that our members should give some tangible expression of our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the manifold blessings which have marked our progress.

Resolved, 1. That this expression should take such practical form as will increase the efficiency of our higher institutions of learning.

2. That the years 1900 and 1901 should be the period for the presentation of the subject of higher education to all our people, and of their gifts to the cause.

3. That it is the imperative duty of the Protestant Church to provide in the city of Washington a university, Christian, catholic, tolerant, and American, having for its sole aim graduate and professional study and original research, and that the American University is worthy of the confidence and benefactions of the people in all our Churches; we therefore recommend that the claims of this institution be commended to both Churches for their special contributions during the closing year of the present and the opening year of the coming century.

A free and interesting discussion followed, but no action was taken.

On motion, the Commission adjourned to meet at 7:30 P.M.

SIXTH SESSION.

The sixth session of the Joint Commission convened at 7:30 P.M., Bishop Granbery in the chair. Prayer was offered by Dr. R. J. Cooke. Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The report of the committee on Christian education, which was presented by Bishop Hurst at the morning session, was taken up, voted upon item by item, and then adopted as a whole.

Bishop Merrill presented the unanimous request from the Commissioners of the Methodist Episcopal Church that the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, should continue the Commission on Federation from that Church until

the convening of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1900.

It was moved by Dr. Wilson that a transcript of the proceedings be furnished the Church press week after next.

Robert T. Miller and Judge Clark presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That we recommend: 1. That the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and of the Methodist Episcopal Church at their next session consider the expediency and practicability of uniting the foreign missionary work of their respective Churches under joint or coöperative administration.

2. That, if deemed expedient, then each appoint a special committee for the careful consideration of the subject, to report, at the same session of the Conference appointing them, such suggestions or plans as will give form to their recommendations.

3. That, if deemed practicable, they each appoint a Commission to jointly perfect a plan of carrying out the purposes expressed in this resolution.

4. That when such plan is perfected it be submitted to each Conference appointing the Commission, and when adopted by both that they then provide such rules and regulations as will make it effective.

R. T. MILLER,
WALTER CLARK.

After having been fully discussed by Bishops Ninde, Merrill, and the mover, the resolution was withdrawn, and the following substitute, offered by Dr. R. J. Cooke, was accepted and adopted :

Appreciating fully the Christian comity which prevails among our missions in foreign lands, and having given careful consideration to the principle and desirability of coöperative administration as a means of lessening the expenditure of funds in the prosecution of the work, we therefore, without attempting to formulate any plan for such coöperation, commend the subject to the consideration of the two General Conferences.

R. J. COOKE.

Bishop Hargrove offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

We recommend to our respective General Conferences the provision of a plan by which a traveling preacher of an Annual Conference in either Church may be received into an Annual Conference of the other Church, retaining his credentials, without the formality of having his orders recognized.

Bishops Merrill and Hargrove presented the following resolution relative to Epworth League International Conferences, which was adopted :

Resolved, That we have observed with much interest the growth of the

Epworth Leagues in our respective Churches, and rejoice in the spirit of fraternity manifested in their biennial International Conferences, and commend to the several governing bodies of the Churches interested the question as to whether official recognition of these meetings can be given, and whether authoritative regulations are required to increase or promote their efficiency.

Resolutions of thanks were then ordered to be drawn up by the Secretaries to the Trustees of Foundry Church, to the pastors of the various Methodist churches in Washington City, and to Bishop John F. Hurst, for courtesies during the sessions of the Commission.

The Secretaries were instructed to prepare and publish full minutes of the proceedings of the Joint Commission, for the use of the General Conferences of the two Churches.

On motion, the Joint Commission adjourned *sine die*.

Prayer was offered by Bishops Ninde and Hargrove. The doxology was sung; and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Merrill.

R. J. COOKE,

E. E. HOSS,

Secretaries.

APPENDIX II.

A.

ADDRESS OF THE REV. DR. W. S. GRIFFIN, FRATERNAL DELEGATE FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA.

[See Journal, page 91.]

My Dear Bishop and Beloved Brethren: I inquired of Dr. Brooks, who is our Book Steward, and whom some of you at least know, what I should say in coming to you, and Dr. Brooks answered: "Give them fire and flowers." Well, I said: "I had no idea they were in so sad a condition, because that is just what they need up in the Klondike more than any other thing, and I don't think your advice is a wise one." Any flowers that I could take into the luxurious South, I am sure, would not be very highly appreciated; and as for fire, you have got more of that than we have ourselves. I have not seen so many flames of fire in twenty years as I have during the last three or four days.

My good wife—if you will excuse my personal reference to my family—was a little solicitous for my welfare and safety in coming away down into the heart of the field of war, near to Florida and Cuba. She wanted to know if there was any danger of the Spanish assailing me and hurting me. I said: "No, not so long as Sampson is around." [Applause.] "Oh," but she said, "you remember Samson who destroyed the lot of people—he perished in the effort." "Yes," I said, "but that was in ancient times, and that was because he was a landlubber. If he had been a naval officer, he would have done the work and got safely home." [Applause.]

I desire, sir, on behalf of my Church—I think I will not take Dr. Brooks's advice—I will just take my own head; I always did best that way—I desire on behalf of my Church to thank you for the able and eloquent representatives whom you have sent us from time to time since we became a Church as we are. We remember the services rendered, the able services of Bishop Galloway, I think in 1886. We remember the able services of Dr. Sledd. It seems to me there is another great man, that for the moment the name escapes my mind; but surely I do not forget the representative that you sent to our last General Conference. You had sent others, and some have been kind enough to visit us without any special mission, all of whom captured our hearts by their warm and brilliant addresses and by their able and excellent and eloquent sermons. None of them did us better service, I think, than your last representative, the Rev. Dr. Hoss, whose address, with its fullness of information relating to your temporal economy and to your Christian enterprises and achievements; his fullness of statement relating to all matters peculiar to yourselves; his able vindication of a democracy which invests its chief officers with such undemocratic authority and power [applause]; his faith-

ful testimony to your virtues, and his candid confession of your sins—all expressed in such scholarly and eloquent fashion—won our highest admiration; and you will not wonder that some inquired if that man was a bishop, and were surprised to be told that he was only an editor—as yet. [Applause.] Having been thus favored, not to speak of all other sources of information, we know your history; we need nothing more in the way of evidence to strengthen our esteem and affection for you. We have a warm heart for all you Southern Methodists. Representatives that have come to us have endeared you to us, and we know your history from the time that John Wesley himself lived among you, and from the days of Robert Strawbridge down to the present hour. We recognize the good Providence that has conducted you through all these intervening years and crowned your labors with such great success. We recognize, since you became a separate Church in 1844—we recognize the unparalleled difficulties and calamities through which you have passed, and from which you have risen so rapidly into astonishing prosperity. We remember the period which closely followed your civil war, when everything looked exceedingly dark, as if you were about to collapse altogether. Your Publishing House had been appropriated for military purposes, and thereafter appropriated by the fires of conflagration. Your credit, I doubt not, must have been terribly shaken, your members scattered by war, and multitudes of them separated into Church organizations of their own; and yet, thus smitten, and disfigured almost beyond recognition, you gathered yourselves up again. Buried under an avalanche of misfortune, you came forth with a glorious resurrection by virtue of that indestructible vitality which faith in God supplies.

We recognize from that day the vigor, the tireless energy which a resuscitated body is always supposed to possess. The growth of your great publishing interests; the number of your weekly and other able publications; the large and constant accessions to your membership; your unfailing benevolence and charities; your missionary schemes with their widely extended fields of operation; your universities and colleges, and all the rest; and the natural effect which such a combination of powerful influences must necessarily have upon the administration of civil government.

We recognize the great ability and vast importance of your General Conference, which embodies so much consecrated culture, energy, wealth, and labor, laying aside, for the time, their secular engagements to fulfill the sacred obligations which the Church has imposed upon them. It is no small thing, I take it, for senators to abandon the allurements of the senatorial hall, for lawyers to abandon their briefs and the pleasures of litigation, for judges to abandon the administration of justice, for merchants to abandon their warehouses, manufacturers their mills, agriculturists their farms, and many more their varied pursuits of life, to meet the claims of the Church on their time and service. I do not mention the ministerial members, for they are fully as well off here as they would be at home. Their legislative duties, at least, do not affect the emoluments of their profession.

We recognize also the vast power for good exercised by the preëminent good men who have been called to the episcopal office; as well as other distinguished men whose great gifts have been so freely devoted to your

Church and country : the statesmen, the journalists, the great preachers, and many more whose familiar names it is needless to repeat. I hope I will not be accused of making any invidious distinction if I mention your good Bishop Fitzgerald, who visited us so lately, and whom everybody said was such a dear, lovable man, and who will linger long in our memory, not only because of his remarkably able address, but as the man who told the very best story at the League Convention.

We recognize also that you are placed in widely different circumstances from perhaps any other Methodist Church in the world. In your country there are two races whose true relation to each other has been exhaustively discussed by the ablest men of both races; and, as I understand it, there is to-day a consensus of opinion which takes this form of expression : equality before the law, with social distinctness. It has afforded us unspeakable pleasure to note with what valor you that are strong have espoused the cause of the weak; holding in your hands so much of the nation's wealth, and so many resources of its civil power, you have come to the rescue of those whose disadvantages and disabilities were everywhere known, and by your liberality and labor of love helped them in their struggle upward to that place in civil government, educational advantages, and religious liberty which they now enjoy; and whatever more they are entitled to I know you will help them to gain. In my youth I have read of the old cavaliers who flourished away back in European history, whose legitimate and lineal descendants sprang up in Old Virginia and other states of the Union. I read of their chivalrous deeds, and shouted as if I were with them there on the field when their brilliant victories were won. They tell us that this blue blood flows in all your veins, and, with the record of all your achievements before me, I can readily believe it. It is cause of thankfulness that the chivalry which in other days distinguished itself in the arena of physical conflict has been so transformed as to win its highest distinction in the realm of peace and good will to men.

Before speaking of my Church you will pardon me for a passing reference to my country. Love of country is intuitional. From my grandfathers to my grandchildren we were all born there. I am rooted to the soil. They do transplant old trees, but they usually die. I will take no chances. I suppose all my predecessors have told you, and you know it well enough without being told by us, that in territory we are larger than the whole of the United States. We are not very great in a national sense as yet, having scarcely 6,000,000 of a population, but we feel that we have the elements of greatness in us. We have an affluent soil, exhaustless deposits in our coal fields, and incalculable wealth in our mineral productions (if your people do not carry it away); we have illimitable forests, and inimitable grandeur in our lakes and rivers, whose shores are studded with thriving towns and cities, the busy hives of industry and skill. Ships of commerce navigate all our waters; the highways of traffic, with innumerable branches, are open from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and the people dwell beneath the scepter of a wise and liberal government. I do not need to tell you this for your information; I tell you this for my own gratification. It cheers my spirit while I sojourn in a strange land where orange groves and gardens and vine-

yards and orchards and cotton fields, and every luxurious thing which nature can produce, literally abound. Your kindly feeling will not permit you to remind me that my glowing picture is spoiled by the fact that we have a broken country, abounding with rugged and rocky districts, much of it lying within the limits of a cold and inhospitable clime—just as I am sure our kindly feeling would not permit us to remind a visitor from you of those immeasurable dismal swamps, malarial districts, and dead seas which breed millions of alligators and all other dreadful things down in Georgia and Florida and elsewhere. You never expect to turn these to any practical account, and they are left out in your calculation of the future. That is where we have one advantage; what has been frequently stated to our discredit is the very condition of things upon which our anticipations are built. The energy, ingenuity, and skill which are necessary to bring our rugged fields into subjection and cultivation make the mind and muscle which are the strength and glory of a nation. The bracing winds that sweep over land and sea strengthen the nerves of my countrymen to do and dare. It will not be strange if they take the measure of their minds from the mighty mountains and plains amid which they live; and nature's marvelous work is already having its counterpart in the marvelous work of man. They are changing nature's barren wastes into fruitful fields, and her rocky districts into gardens of fruits and flowers; and even if their work forever keep them poor (of which there is no danger), still it would forever make them great. But I am no immigration agent. If I were, it is not in this fair land, with its vast resources and balmy breezes, that I would hope to earn my pay. I will not deny that I would if I could win back the two millions of Canadians dwelling somewhere in these United States, whom you have lured away. But I fancy that can never be; alas! they have gone the way whence they will never return.

I do not forget that I am not a Dominion, but a Methodist, delegate. It is not because we are so perfect that we want to present ourselves to you. If that were so, one so imperfect as I would not be here. There is no perfect Church except in our ideal. Our ideal Church is not just the Presbyterian, or Episcopalian, or Baptist, or Methodist; but it is one we sometimes think we see towering above all, combining the good that is gathered from all, and saved from the weaknesses with which, as yet, they all abound. With this sense of infirmity in us, and conviction that you are willing to make the same confession, or I would make none, we are on common ground where we may without embarrassment have free interchange of thought, in the hope that we may help each other upward toward that perfection which every Methodist is supposed to be looking for.

Our Church does not occupy so large a place as that which it is your privilege and heritage to possess; but you will be glad to know that we furnish a working force of 2,000 ministers, 3,000 local preachers, 7,750 class leaders, and 32,600, Sunday-school teachers, with a revised roll of 278,000 members. We have a seating capacity in our churches of 800,000, and, according to the last census, we have a Methodist population of 847,000—so that we can give them all an audience every Sabbath day. Observe that we have three times as many Methodist people as we have Methodist mem-

bers. It is with us as I venture to say that it may be with you: there are so many Methodist people who like some of our preachers, and like all of our doctrines and services, but who do not like our rules. The rules have always stood in the way. If the rules had been kept out of our Discipline, we would have had to-day more than a million members. Handicapped as we are by the rules, still we grow, and while our sister denominations are vigorous and progressive, we stand in the van as the only one that has shown a percentage of increase over the population in the last decade.

Our universities and colleges, with their able and learned chancellors and professors, occupy no second place in the educational work of the country. They have to-day not less than two thousand students within their halls. Our widely-known and long-established weekly organs, our highly literary monthly magazine, our Sunday-school publications, adapted to all classes and ages of children, demonstrate our interest in the circulation of pure and healthy literature. Our book rooms and publishing houses are eminently progressive. First and foremost among them is the Wesleyan Book Room and Publishing House in Toronto, the largest in the Dominion, where the annual turn over is not less than a million dollars.

Our Missionary Society employs in its Indian, French, and Foreign Missions 175 missionaries, and in its Home Missions 430. Its yearly income has reached the sum of \$240,000, and this, with our Woman's Missionary effort, is increased to nearly \$300,000. Our Superannuation Fund has an invested capital of \$230,000, and an annual income in round numbers of \$110,000, created by interest on capital, grants from the Book Room, three per cent. on ministerial salaries, and five per cent. on the income of the churches. Our Supernumerary Fund also has a capital of \$80,000, with an annual income of \$12,000. With us our Superannuation Fund is not a benevolence, it is not a charity; our superannuated men are not paupers, depending for their support on the benevolence and compassion of the Church. Their claim exists under the same law of indebtedness as that by which men in the active work are sustained. It is their right. It is part of the covenant under which they entered the ministry. There is no inquiry as to the question of their need; and the longer they have labored, the larger their pay. Thus, as briefly as I may, I have given you all the facts and statistics that are necessary to a general view of our economy and our work.

You will expect to hear something relating to our Epworth Leagues. We have them, and I have no sympathy with the pessimistic utterances which have recently come in the form of queries as to whether the League is what it was expected to be, or what it ought to be. Is the Methodist Church, is the Christian Church at large, or any of our best institutions, secular or religious, what they ought to be? Are our Annual Conferences or General Conferences, our best governments, monarchical or republican, what they ought to be? The Leagues have the imperfections which are common to all human organizations. I have known a few who, not having been safely hitched, have run away with themselves; some semi-Leagues who, not having "a single eye, have not therefore a body full of light"; but, as a rule, our Leagues are loyal and helpful factors in the so-

cial and religious life of the Church; and in much of it is organized charity besides. No holier atmosphere ever pervaded a Jewish passover feast, or the pentecostal day at Jerusalem, than was breathed by thirty thousand Leaguers in the Canadian Shiloh a year ago, when your representatives, with those of other lands, exalted the banner of Christ in the city of Toronto, and crowned him with their praises "the everlasting Lord of all."

We are still engaged in the holy war against the unholy liquor traffic; and if you should ask me what relation the temperance organization sustains to the Church generally, my answer shall be, It is the Church's poor relation. The Church is its mother, as it is of every other benevolent institution. I venture to say that it looks more like its mother, when her mother is most like herself, than any of the rest of the family; but the Church lavishes its wealth on all its other offspring, while she treats this her comeliest child as a wandering vagrant, and is content to throw the coppers of her charity at its feet. There is a vast amount of sympathy for it expressed in General Assemblies and Conferences. It has nearly been kissed to death by its good old mother, who prays devoutly for it every night and morning, but does little more than to cover its nakedness once a year with the old clothes of Annual Conference resolutions. What has she ever given worth mentioning for its support? Wealthy Christian men create large endowments and make liberal bequests for other societies, but who ever heard of anybody, anywhere, who in his will has ever given a single dollar to the temperance cause? It has to contend against powerful corporations who assess the millions of money they have taken from the people to keep the millions of the people in bondage. Still we are hopeful. We are on the eve of a plebiscite for the whole Dominion, asking for the suppression of the manufacture, importation, and sale of alcoholic liquors as a beverage; and if we succeed, as we hope to do, then there will likely be large accessions to your Canadian population made by those who shall escape from a land that has been ruined by the fanaticism of temperance men.

In 1884 all the Methodist Churches in Canada became united; all divisions—I had nearly said all diseases—were healed, and we remain in perfect health and vigor to the present time. We have a consolidated Methodism which is ever strengthening as the years go by. Our ministers have increased in number from 1,300 to nearly 2,000; our membership from 170,000 to 278,000. As the apostle knew a man, so I knew a Church about fourteen years ago whose several divisions were caught up in the spirit of organic unity, and it has dwelt in that heavenly paradise from that day till now.

Whether combines are for good or ill is one of the burning questions of the day. It is held that the great manufacturing and mercantile monopolies affect disastrously the welfare of the people; that department stores are drawing all the small dealers out of the avenues of trade. It is held that the general good demands a wider distribution of both wealth and work; while others contend that the great combines work out the greatest good for the greatest number. So men differ widely in their economic views. I am not here to discuss this question; but I can confidently say that Christian combines in the commerce of religious supply and demand have just

tified themselves by their remarkable results. Monopolies based on selfishness, and growing by oppression, differ greatly from consolidations born of benevolence, to relieve the burdens and sorrows of human life. The distribution of so much work and capital among so many separate churches, substantially the same, so nearly related, and occupying the same ground, was not an economical method. It produced weakness and waste. This was evident to all, hence the union. Do not be alarmed; I will not meddle with your affairs. What would be desirable in one place might be undesirable in another. What would be best under one set of circumstances might, indeed, be impossible under another. All I desire is to tell you that with us it has proved a wonderful blessing.

When we review our history we have no adequate terms to express our gratitude for the triumphant way in which the providence of God has led us. There was a time within the memory of men still living when Methodists were too poor to be respected by the world, and too weak to defend ourselves against a dominant Church, which claimed the exclusive prerogative of dispensing the grace of God to sinners, and the sacraments to saints. Our ministers by law were denied the right to marry or to be given in marriage by themselves. It sounds very much like heaven, but was unsuited and unsatisfactory to the conditions of an earthly life. They could not hold a foot of land on which to build a parsonage or a church, or in which even to bury their dead; and some were driven from the country for having exercised the gifts of their ministerial office. After a long conflict our civil and religious liberties were secured.

Now we are comparatively strong, the strongest Protestant Church in the Dominion; and we have reached this condition of numerical strength and temporal wealth not so much through our ecclesiastical or civil legislation (wise as they have been), nor by any other mere economic policy, but through the evangelistic labors of wise and faithful men. It was the toilers in the field who built the Church and made it strong. There are various considerations which account for their success.

There was denominational loyalty. There are some who have credit for being recognized leaders of thought in our day who have entered upon a crusade against every denomination, and ask, with a sneer, Has denominationalism ever saved a soul? As well ask, Has a university ever educated a student? or, Has a hospital ever cured a patient? Some exceptional men have been highly educated without the one, and many have been cured without the other, just as some souls have been saved outside the denominations; but such facts constitute a feeble argument for their extinction. These men hail the day when the despicable views and feelings of little sects shall be lost in great ideas about the great things of God and man. As if great ideas about God and man could only flourish among those who belong to no denomination. We know the men, and we know their ideas, but we cannot discover that they are very large. Their undenominationalism is their denomination, and beneath the profession of their liberality is cherished the spirit of intolerable bigotry. The denominations are the depôtories of the truth, the granaries of the precious seed which being scattered shall bring in the harvest of the world. Our fathers did not condemn others who could not

pronounce their shibboleth; but they did think it would be a good thing for all men if they could. There are those who say that all Churches are the same to us, which simply proves that the work of no Church has any interest for them. Preferential regard for your own family is the best way of serving all other families; preferential regard for your own country is consistent with the widest cosmopolitan spirit; and the want of preferential regard for your own denomination reveals the kind of a man whose relation to the Church is deleterious and dangerous. He will drive out vastly more than he will ever bring in. The Methodist preachers were loyal; they loved their Church, and proved it—not in boasting of their illustrious ancestors, nor even their apostolical succession (though they had them both in their truest sense); pedigree was nothing to them; but by the consecration of all their powers to the work of bringing men to Christ, and, to make sure of getting them into heaven, gathering them into the Methodist fold.

Further, we are largely indebted for our growth and stability to an unwavering confidence in our doctrinal standards and the faithful preaching of fundamental truth. The modern invention of the sensational preacher, the ancient invention of writing and reading sermons with perfect diction and faultless logic, the patchwork invention creating a kind of mosaic, exhibiting wonderful mechanical skill in putting together pieces and particles of literary material collected from the authors of every land and of every age, and calling it a sermon, would have been entirely useless to them in the work they were doing—the work of saving souls. Learned sermons on biblical questions, on social questions, on educational questions, and many other things, are all essential, and have their time and place (if they do not take too much time or occupy too large a place); but they are the effect, and not the cause, of the Church's progress and power.

It was the preaching of Christ and the resurrection, repentance, justification by faith, the witness of the Holy Spirit, and sanctification, by which the multitudes were first smitten down, and thereafter lifted into fellowship with Christ and heirship of heaven.

Once it was so that Methodist preachers would have looked with suspicion on an invitation or call to a specific church. They would have looked upon it as coming from the devil, though it had come through a Quarterly Board. They had their "call," and carried it with them, and were indifferent as to their place and pay. They preached future punishment in those days. They preached holiness with unmistakable emphasis and unmistakable effect. These gospel truths preached, with us as with you, have been the indispensable agencies in the growth and stability of the Church. I must not neglect to say that the phenomenal spread of Methodism is owing to the experimental knowledge of sin forgiven, upon which it has always insisted as the legitimate result of a scriptural faith in a personal Christ. There is a spurious Christianity making headway in some quarters. It is not new; it is very old. It changes its clothes often, but it is always the same old deceiver. It introduced itself to the Church in the apostle's day. It is beautiful to many, but it is very weak. "The form without the power." It is not Atheism; it is not Deism; it is not Christianity. It is salvation

worked out, but not worked in. It is pardon without repentance; it is faith without holiness; it is justification without sanctification. These are theories that live in the head, not the fires that burn in the heart. Theory is good for the geologist as he explores the subterranean chambers of the earth, and speculates among fossils of unnumbered ages; good for the astronomer as he surveys and studies the siderial heavens; good for the scientists of every name who enlighten and enrich the world with their discoveries; but it is a poor thing indeed (where there is only theory) for him who teaches the science of religion. The shouting Methodists, as I knew them in the days of my boyhood, are nearly all dead—and I am sorry. The rapturous countenances and triumphant halleluiahs of those dear old Methodist people linger in my memory as the most precious recollection of my life. I can see my sainted mother now, with her shining face turned heavenward, in silent rapture beholding heaven opened, and seeing, as I then thought, the innumerable company of the redeemed, with Christ as the center of adoration. These, it is said, were the extravagances of religious fanaticism. Perhaps so, but it was a kind of extravagance which did not appear to make these people poor. Those days are past, but the testimony of true Christian experience is not less common or real. It is changed in its form of expression, not in its character. The current of religious emotion flows in a quieter, because in a wider, channel. The growth of Christian intelligence has kept pace with the increase of universal knowledge, and I am sure that never was the life more real and the growth more healthy than it is to-day.

I need say but little more. We all believe in the Bible, the Hymn Book, and the last edition of the Discipline—and a good many other things besides. And when our preachers are set apart for their holy calling, with the assurance that they “believe and preach all our doctrines,” and know for themselves that Christ is able to forgive sin, we say to them, Keep the memory of our fathers forever fresh and green, who, like burning seraphs, went everywhere, singing songs as angels sing them, preaching sermons as apostles preached them, bearing sufferings as martyrs bore them, and weeping tears as Jesus wept them. We live in their old homesteads, we enjoy the inheritance which their toil created, the wealth which their industry gained. They are the men who, through Christ, made us what we are. They have died, but they have left us rich; and it is soon to be known whether the Methodist Church can bear prosperity. It is no uncommon thing for the heirs to waste the wealth which their plain-living, hard working old fathers have left. It will soon be known if the Methodist Church can keep its head without dizziness on the high elevations of temporal prosperity—whether with the increase of worldly possessions she will hold her primitive spiritual power. It will be known some day whether this old ship, driven before the gales of worldly prosperity, will founder on the high seas of her voyage, as others have foundered before; or, freighted with the gifts of the Spirit and the hopes of heaven, shall bear steadily on to her final moorings, hard by the throne of God. And should it be wrecked, it will not be by any explosion of submarine forces which an enemy has planted, but by the spontaneous combustion of the accumulated stores of

worldliness and unbelief. Neither are there any torpedo marauders, charged with the death-dealing missiles of infidelity, that can stave in her bulwarks or destroy her precious freight. If she is wrecked she must wreck herself, and it would be the greatest failure, the saddest calamity recorded in the annals of the ages. But it will never be, if we adhere to our sole business of preaching the gospel.

The glorious kingdom of Christ is coming, and, like the old prophets, let us constantly fill our vision with the splendors of final triumph. With them the prospect irradiated every gloom, and it lay like a bright western heaven at the close of every prophetic day, and threw its robes of transcendent beauty over all the mountains and plains of earth. Let us preach, not the millennium; that will keep for many a day. Preach the gospel of which the millennium is the grand consummation. Preach it; do not trouble yourselves to prove it; it proves itself. As well prove that it is springtime when forests and fields are clad in living green; as well prove that it is summer when all the air is full of the fragrance of gardens and groves; as well prove that it is autumn when all the golden fields are ready for the harvest, and all the orchard trees are bending with ripened fruit. Legislate, if you will—and you will, for you must—but preach the blessed and precious old gospel, and the Church will grow and live forever.

B.

FRATERNAL ADDRESS OF THE REV. W. T. DAVISON, A.M., D.D., OF THE BRITISH WESLEYAN CONFERENCE.

[See Journal, page 145.]

Mr. President and Honored Fathers and Brethren: The British Wesleyan Conference of 1897, in appointing me to be fraternal messenger to this Conference, at the same time conferred upon me a high honor and imposed upon me a great responsibility. Privilege and responsibility are accustomed to go together in Christianity, and for the most part in the Christian Church. I have had indeed already many privileges in the position it was given me to occupy, and I hold it to be a very high privilege that I have the opportunity of standing here for a short time this morning in order to speak to you as the messenger from the British Wesleyan Conference. But I feel the responsibility of the position, as you may well imagine, at this moment much more perhaps than the honor. A message from the British Conference to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is one at the same time so cordial and so comprehensive, it comes so thoroughly from the heart and at the same time has so manifold a bearing upon the mind and upon action, that I could wish it had been intrusted to a worthier herald. Think of it! A message from the big heart of one Methodist Church to another! Why, it needs some golden-mouthed Chrysostom to deliver it, or one of the—shall I say “silver-tongued orators” that are so common upon your side of the water? [Laughter.]

I have no gift of eloquence; my work has lain only—shall I say, in retired and academic groves? I am not accustomed to addressing large au-

diences. I, like Mark Antony, can only "speak right on"; but, at all events, I would speak, in the phrase of the Book we all honor, "in simplicity and godly sincerity," and certainly I yield to no one in hearty brotherly feeling. The messenger of the Greek gods, in the old mythology, Hermes, better known as Mercury, is distinguished by his winged feet—his winged sandaled feet—and by his symbolic staff, and by that ready flow of speech which the Greeks loved and excelled in. And I think, sir, the Americans are in many respects like the Greeks in the nimbleness of their wit and in the readiness of their utterances, and perhaps to some extent in their readiness to hear and see some new thing. [Laughter.] I have no such distinction as a messenger, but I read in the Book St. Paul's description of a Christian warrior. He is to be armed with the breastplate of righteousness, and with the shield of faith, and with the sword of the Spirit, and his feet are to be shod not with the "preparation," as we read, but with the "preparedness," of the gospel of peace. It is the gospel of peace in a man's heart that gives lightness and elasticity and promptitude to his footsteps. It is that which makes the man who is naturally slow of speech ready to utter his thoughts. It is that which will fit the messenger under the present circumstances, and it is the preparedness which comes from the gospel of peace which makes you brethren, I believe, ready to hear, and which I trust by the blessing of God may enable me in a few words to speak.

I landed upon these shores some few weeks ago on the very day the announcement was made that war had been declared between this country and Spain. I refer to this matter, sir, only for a moment or two in order to assure you, if there be any need of such assurance, of the deep and cordial sympathy of the Church that I unworthily represent, and the country to which I belong, at this epoch of your national history. [Applause.] We think that we can understand perhaps better than some other nations the disinterestedness of your motives in this matter, and that seldom indeed, if ever, has there been a war entered upon, upon your part, with more reluctance; seldom has there been a war which could more fully justify itself before the bar of history. [Applause.] You have waited long and patiently; the state of affairs in Cuba has long been an outrage upon the feelings of many in this country, and only when at last you were driven to it did you subject the issues to the dire arbitrament of war. We congratulate you most heartily upon the brilliant victory secured at Manila by Admiral Dewey, and we trust that, under the good providence of God, this war may be brief, and that its inevitable horrors and hardships may be reduced to the least possible amount, and that as little blood may be shed as may be, and that victory may speedily crown your arms. But I believe, sir, and I have no doubt the belief is shared by a great many godly men on both sides of the Atlantic—I believe that out of this war, that we all alike deplore, many good things will come. It may be that the various parts of this country will be united more closely together than they have been in the past [applause] in one strong, full wave of patriotic feeling, and it is almost certain to be the case that righteousness and peace and civil and religious freedom will obtain in the Spanish West Indies and in the Philippines as it has never been known before. It is possible, though of that I would say

but one single word—it is possible that God in his providence will show you as a people that you are at a turning point in your history, and that you have still further lessons to learn, still further responsibilities to bear with regard to the great world lying outside. But what I chiefly hope, sir, is that the bonds between England and America may be drawn more closely than ever. [Great applause.] Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, a statesman who never speaks without thinking, and who speaks without strong feeling and opinion at his back, was advocating the other day a close alliance, an offensive and defensive alliance, between these two great countries. I observe that that proposal was particularly distasteful not only to Spain, but to other continental nations, and they well understand how irresistible such a combination would be. It may be that such a proposal is altogether premature, but there shall be—there is, I believe—a close combination and union of hearts in fact, in purpose, not of aggression. God knows but that these two nations, belonging to the same stock and so largely of the same heart and of the same aim, may stand side by side and march shoulder to shoulder in the great cause of humanity and of peace.

I am very happy, sir, to be accredited to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to have the opportunity of speaking in a city of such historical Methodist interests as the city of Baltimore. It was my good fortune to attend the Ecumenical Conference in London in 1881, and there I had the opportunity of hearing your Bishop McTyeire, Dr. McFerrin, and others of your leaders. In 1891 I had the privilege of being present in Washington, and of meeting so many representatives as were present on that occasion. We were kindly treated by all. There is the name of one especially fragrant in the memories of Englishmen, who, among many others—and I take the liberty of naming him at this moment—showed exceeding kindness to us, and his name will not soon be forgotten; and that is Dr. E. E. Hoss. [Applause.] In 1892 your Bishop Galloway came over to us, and in eloquent and stirring words moved the hearts of all who listened to him. Most admirably did he represent what was perhaps not altogether understood by all on the other side of the water concerning your history; and his visit will not soon be forgotten. Now, in 1898, I have had one privilege upon another, and I hardly know how to speak of them. I journeyed through your beautiful Southern land, through the mountainous parts of North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee—I believe, the Blue Ridge and the Smoky Mountains—and I was royally entertained in Nashville. I would not have missed my visit to that city for a great deal. It was my pleasure there to see the noble and important work that is being done by Vanderbilt University. Most kindly was I entertained. It rejoiced me to sit at the feet of Professor Gross Alexander as he was teaching the Greek Testament to a band of students, and also at the feet of Dr. Tillett as he was expounding certain sections of systematic theology; and I congratulate you upon the possession of such an institution of Christian learning; its buildings and its campus as beautiful and attractive to the eye as its curriculum, or course of study, is fascinating to the mind. I esteem it a privilege to have had the opportunity of visiting Nashville and seeing Vanderbilt University. And since I came here, why, sir, I have been surrounded with kindness on all sides.

You are kind to everybody that comes here, but I have had some privileges. I have been sick [laughter], and you must be sick to know how kind some people can be; and I take this opportunity of thanking from my heart those who have made me feel, perhaps in a time of considerable depression and possibly of nervous apprehension, that I was not a stranger in a strange land, but that I was among friends and brethren.

We know something about your history and labors, the conflicts through which you have passed, the indomitable perseverance through which you have toiled, and the almost unparalleled success which has attended your labors. I remember Bishop Galloway claimed certain first things when he was speaking at the Conference in Washington. He claimed certain first things for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. We recognize upon our side of the water how much we owe to the Methodism of Baltimore and of the Southern states generally. We do not forget John Wesley's residence in Georgia. Dr. Tigert says Savannah was John Wesley's Arabia. The phrase is a happy one, though the comparison must not be too much pressed in detail. And another writer says (I think Professor Alexander) that John Wesley went there to learn what conversion really meant. There is a great deal of truth in that remark. I handled, only a few days ago, a unique volume, a small, brown, well-worn volume, a blank book filled with manuscript in John Wesley's minute and beautiful writing. It was his private journal while living in Georgia, and you will find there a record, not only of his days, not only of his hours, but literally, sir, of his minutes. Every hour is recorded there; the writing is in shorthand, but it is not very difficult to discern how every hour of that good man's time was occupied. And at the end of every hour there are about three minutes generally marked out which we gather were devoted to private prayer. That was the time when Wesley was feeling his way toward holiness. But he learned better after awhile the method as it is laid down in Scripture, as he himself confesses.

It may be perhaps some recommendation of me here this morning that my home lies within a few stones' throw of the birthplace of Francis Asbury [applause], and that at Handsworth, where I live, a memorial church is erected to the memory of that St. Paul of America. [Applause.] And with regard to your other claims upon your thought and attention, I have been interested further to learn—it is not for me to speak—Bishop Galloway claims that you have the first Methodist Society formed, the first sermon preached, and the first building erected; and I have no doubt what he so eloquently expresses is perfectly in accordance with facts, and when I had the opportunity of hearing Professor Collins Denny the other day, I was perfectly convinced. He held in his hand this historic gavel, and wielded it with such power that I was quite in agreement with him. It was dangerous to differ from him, altogether apart from the arguments which he employed.

We remember the time when difficulties brought you to the plan of separation in 1844-45; the period of toil and stress through which you passed. We have recognized with wonder your history since then, and it has been a delight to me to see on every hand the tokens of still progressing

Methodism. There is, I suppose, in some sense, a new South—I do not know; but certain it is that there are few parallels in Church history to the remarkable recuperative energy that you have shown in the last thirty years or so. [Applause.] We mark the ability of your leaders. You have had great men; you have them still; I need not mention names. You have numbers; you have advanced rapidly in numbers, with your forty-three Conferences—I am not sure my numbers are quite correct—and your thousands of ministers, and your million and a half Church members. We recognize your educational work. We recognize your missionary work. How can one do otherwise when one has the privilege of looking on the face of such a veteran missionary as Dr. Allen, of China, to whom we have listened. And in Japan and Brazil and elsewhere we recognize your manifold labors; and it is true of you, as was written of Thessalonica in that remarkable passage in the opening of the First Epistle to the Thessalonians, "From you has sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia," not only here in Maryland and Virginia, but far and wide has it sounded forth in every place, so that we have no need to speak anything.

To this Church, sir, it is my privilege to bring from the British Wesleyan Conference the most hearty greeting. Let it be couched in the old apostolic phraseology: "Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Grace—peace: the blessings of the upper and the nether springs. Grace, that is the perennial fountain among the everlasting hills of God's unfailing and changeless love. Out of that grace springs all the good we have, all the pardon that is needed for sinners, all the purity that is needed for saints, all the power that is needed for the maintenance of Church life and Church enterprise. May the grace of God, with all the blessings that it brings, be with you always.

And peace, that is the blessing of the "nether springs." There you have the celestial blue of the sky reflected in the still mirror of the earthly lake. May the peace of God that passes all understanding be your portion in your personal life and your Church life. May it guard your hearts and thoughts in Christ Jesus, so that in the conflicts you have to pass through—and you are sure to have to pass through some—that peace may keep watch and ward at the entrance of your hearts and at the entrance of your Church. As it is said that happy is the nation that has no history, so happy is the Methodist Conference whose annals are eventful. I suppose I may say that of this Conference. The lack of what people call events in a Conference is perhaps a thing to be desired. Events are apt to mean battles, whether in State or Church. And one of the chief events, perhaps, in the course of the last few days in your Conference has been the discovery of the fact that you have so many more tried, experienced, and faithful men than you have at the present moment vacancies in the episcopacy to fill. [Applause and laughter.] You have such fine men and such fine officers that you are prepared to fill such vacancies over and over again. Dear brethren, may you never have any more serious difficulties than this, that you have so many splendid generals that you cannot find work for all of them at once. [Applause.]

The phrase has been used—it is used, I believe, in the letter commendatory—"the mother Church." We do not press that figure of speech. It is true that England is in a sense the mother country, and the Church the mother Church. There was a time when your preachers offered to sell their coats and shirts in order to have a fraternal messenger. You have not given such an offer to-day, and there is not perhaps very much need of it. But use the term elder sister, or what you please.

J. J. Tigert: We call it "mother," Doctor.

W. T. Davison: At all events our organizations have been going side by side. We are a little older than you; whether you have traveled faster than we, I will not discuss. If you have traveled faster, whether you have traveled more safely—I will not discuss. Whether you have kept nearer to the ideal than we, I dare not undertake to say. But one of your historians tells us that God intended in his providence Methodism more for the New World than for the Old. I cannot admit that. Methodism is needed for both. Here you have the east and the west, the right hand and the left hand, we will not discuss which, the right eye and the left eye, and so far from debating the history of the past, I believe that Methodism is in its cradle and in its infancy. It is a sort of lusty infant of one year and a half old—that is to say, one century and a half. We know that Hercules strangled certain snakes in his cradle. Well, by the blessing of God, Methodism has done something in strangling a few snakes already [applause], and by that same blessing, if we be faithful, our work lies before us and not behind us; and under the guidance of our great Leader and Captain we shall be able to do something toward bruising the head of the serpent indeed.

Now, in speaking of the work that is going on on our side of the water, I have not prepared anything in the way of an essay this morning. It would have been much easier to do so, to write a carefully prepared essay and read it to you; but, rightly or wrongly, I thought you would prefer an address from the living heart [applause]; and if my sentences are a little rugged, and my account of things not so carefully finished and polished as it should be, you must assign this to the right cause. I do not propose to give figures. Solid blocks of figures are, in the first place, unpalatable—that is bad. In the next place, they are indigestible, and that's worse; and very often they are positively mischievous and misleading. Nothing is so deceptive as facts, except figures; and if I were to tell you that we had two thousand ministers, that would mislead you. You would not understand that, without knowing all about our seventeen or eighteen thousand local preachers besides, and the relation between these classes. And if I tell you we have half a million of members, that would mislead you; you would require to know what we count as membership and what the relation is between members and communicants. And so it does not seem the best way to give you solid blocks of statistics. I propose to say a few things to give you an idea of the kind of work we are carrying on under the blessing of God. We are trying to conserve the spirit of the past while adapting Methodism to the needs of the present, and trying to contemplate the claims of the near future. We are not politicians, we do not recognize politics in our Conference. [Applause.] We are what may be described as "reforming

conservatives." I hold that every true reformer conserves, and that every true conservative reforms; and if any politician says, "That won't do for us, we can't recognize you as belonging to any of the political parties, that is a sort of sitting on the fence that we do not admire"; if such a one were to say that that is neither being a good Republican nor a good Democrat, neither a good mugwump nor a good copperhead—I am not sure I have got the phrases right [great laughter]—all I can say is, so much the worse for your classification on this side of the water. It seems that that is the very ideal, to be a reforming conservative. And everything depends upon what you want to conserve and how you try to reform. Well, our plan is, sir, to conserve the right things and to reform in the right way, and I do not know that one can get very much nearer the mark of exact Methodism outside the Southern states of America. Take the question of itinerancy: the extension of the time limit in their residences, their various circuits. The matter had a very slow and laborious inception. It began in the newspapers, the religious newspapers, those restless and perturbed—no, I mean those very valuable and important helps in our Church life. The newspaper representatives must not misunderstand me; I have been an editor myself, and I am still concerned with religious journalism, and I am not likely to say anything to its discredit. It began in the newspapers, and it took a long while before it got into the Conference; and then it was—I think I have heard such a thing since I came here—referred to a committee, and when this committee reported, it was referred again, and so we went on from stage to stage, and when after awhile it became clear that the change was not going to be carried with something like practical unanimity, the subject was dropped. I think you will say we were in no very great hurry to make changes after that.

The unit with us is the circuit. Names have been described as fossil, and the circuit contains in itself the name, contains history. I think perhaps we have kept to the idea of the circuit more than you have. With you the circuit in large towns is being merged in the station; but with us it is not so, and the most important pastorates and charges with us are upon the circuit, containing two, three, four, five appointments, as the case may be, upon the circuit. So with regard to membership. And not only with regard to membership, but with regard to the class meeting. Just before I left, certain essays appeared with reference to the leakage of membership; the term may not be felicitous, and is one very likely to give a false impression to those outside; but the subject discussed was the regular wear and tear in the history of the Church, the number of members that we lose in proportion to the number that we retain. I will not discuss the matter at this moment, but I intended, if I had the opportunity of speaking for a few minutes, to throw out some four, five, or half a dozen hints in passing, which the wise would consider and perpend, though I had no opportunity of speaking about them. One such hint is this, and I ask you to consider this, brethren: Are we as a Church doing our work of conserving our members as well as we are doing our aggressive work? We do not wish to diminish by one iota the aggressive and evangelistic work in which God has so blessed us, but it does seem to me that the many signs of the times point

to our being more careful with regard to our conserving, and especially of educating, the young people of our families.

We are organizing very rapidly. The higher the form of life, the more complex the organism. There comes in another question of great importance, as I think. What is the relation between organization and life? Is it a fact that in Methodism to-day there is more organization than the life can safely and satisfactorily bear? This is a question to be put forward, though I do not undertake to answer it.

In the Atlantic liner you have your main engine and your twenty-two auxiliary engines and so many cranks and wheels, etc., and in the great Forth Bridge there are eight million rivets. How many are there now in the Church? And we have to consider whether our organization is going beyond the life. You may have a vessel which is not sufficiently manned by engines, and it labors in the trough of the sea because the engines are not powerful enough. But, on the other hand, you may have one where the engines are too powerful for the hull, and it shakes the whole machinery to pieces. I have watched with great interest your organization. I have been listening here to reports of committees; to proposals for amendment; to substitutes and pending questions and previous questions, and whether the chairman of committee had the right to reply to such and such a point. All these are matters of great importance, but we are coming to ask the question on both sides of the water, When a great company of wise and godly men are met together for days and weeks, how much of the time is spent in organization, and how much upon that essential life for which this is only so much machinery?

We have our Home Mission Fund; we have our Extension of Methodism Fund; we have, like you, our foreign missions. The Society is the second in the point of income and work in the whole country. Two thousand five hundred churches—here come some of those blocks of statistics; you can take them for what they are worth: we have 370 missionaries, 3,000 ministers and evangelists of other kinds, 50,000 members, 800 Sunday schools, \$500,000 regular income, and we are working in Europe, India, China, Africa, and the West Indies.

Then we have our educational work—primary, intermediate, and higher. We have our work, with which I am more immediately connected, for the training of young ministers. We have four colleges, with 20 or more professors, in which 250 young men are being trained regularly for the work of the ministry. We have our arrangements for training and educating local preachers. Among the young we have about a million Sunday scholars. We have a Wesley Guild, organized somewhat upon the lines of your Epworth League, but drawing a little more closely to the Church than yours; a Book Room, with its literature. We have work among soldiers and sailors, temperance work, and the work of social purity. We have—I do not know that you have it—university settlements where educated young men are settling in the midst of London and live among the poor, living their life, trying to enter into the closest relations with them, and establishing all kinds of enterprises for their benefit. As for chapel building, we have some hundred now building every year. We have fifty millions contrib-

uted in one generation. We have accommodations (sittings) for two and a half million persons. We raise from seven to ten millions yearly (I speak in dollars now) for all practical purposes. We are proposing to put up what may be called a church house, a central building, in London; to improve the existing building for carrying on as from a center these various kinds of work, and it may have reached the ear of some of you that we are preparing to celebrate the close of the nineteenth century by raising the sum of a million pounds sterling to represent a million Methodists. That at present is only a scheme, but it is one of very great promise.

Our life is versatile; it is being adapted to the needs of the day. The missions that are carried on in London, in the east, center, and west, in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Belfast, and in all the large centers of population, we put upon one man, and over and over again, even in a case where a man has not been perhaps himself particularly distinguished as either a preacher or pastor, but where there is a man with the love of God in his heart, he has filled the empty chapel, filled dependent mission halls, changed the saloons, as you call them, into places of worship over and over again (not in a single instance only), and established mothers' meetings, children's meetings, musical meetings, and medical missions, works of such various kind that I cannot now in the hurry of the moment describe them. I hint to you that our work is very highly organized, and we believe by this particular kind of mission work we are doing better work for the Church than by the old special services, as they are called. We hold them still—revival services, special services—but the characteristic of these services is that you can get into personal relationship with the people. It is continuous, not spasmodic. You understand the conditions of their life, and you can do very much more to help them by a few words at the penitent form or inquiry room.

We believe in woman's work, as you do; and the value of it, thank God, we found out long ago. Women not only have more time than men; they not only have access in many places that men have not, but they have qualities that men have not [applause], exquisite and delicate tact where men's clumsy fingers would mar the whole business. They are attentive to details. (Men consider themselves above details.) It is theirs to work out details under the law of sympathy, and especially of self-denial. I think men are perhaps ready to view themselves when there is some great work to be done and many people are looking on; but women deny themselves from morning to night in all the details of their daily life. [Applause.] It is said of the nurse of to-day that she has the doctor's science and the parson's religion without the dogmas of either [applause]; and in the Church there is a great deal of nursing to be done. You don't want the dogmas in some cases, and you don't want the science, but you want the nursing. Now, for nursing you don't go to the men, you go to the women. [Applause.]

I am happy to say, sir, that we are loyal to the Methodist doctrines, which we hold in common. If any whisper to the contrary reaches you from any quarter, you are hereby authorized fully and completely to contradict it. There have been, as we know, very few doctrinal controversies

in Methodism. Stevens puts this down to mutual watchfulness, and partly to the hard work of preachers, and partly to the itinerant system. Now, it seems to me, sir, that the chief reason why the preachers have been so orthodox is because they have been so steadily evangelistic. Let men be at work in the midst of a sinful world; let them see the facts of human nature as they are; let them understand all the sins of men; let them understand the doctrine of salvation; let them see how that doctrine of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ saves men and women, and there is not much likelihood of their not being orthodox. At the same time, while we are faithful and loyal, as we trust, to the doctrines of our Church, we believe in holding fast not so much to the shell as to the kernel. You may say, Hold fast to both. That is very good if it is a dry nut that you are speaking of; but if it is a growing acorn, then the important thing is that the kernel shall be right; and we recognize upon our side of the water that it is necessary for us to change the forms of our doctrines, in some respects, and the modes of the presentation of truth; and we believe that in this way we are doing the work given to us to do better than by attempting to conserve to the old formula for the old formula's sake. As Bishop Westcott has said: "We are the children of our fathers in the first century and the fourth century; we cannot be the men themselves." So we may say: "We are the children of our fathers in the eighteenth century; we cannot be the men themselves; it is of no use for us to try." Noble and splendid men! they did their work in their day. But God has committed to us work in our day which must be done in the light of the new needs of our times. We are loyal to the Bible; the Bible as the only authoritative rule of our faith and practice. We do not perhaps speak of the Bible exactly in the way it was spoken of in some details twenty, thirty, fifty years ago. We think that we understand a little more perhaps of what the book is in itself; how it came to be what it is; what the relation of its various parts to one another is. We are not afraid of Bible criticism. Criticism means investigation, investigation into the age, the date, the authorship, and so on—the literary side—of these sacred documents that we all revere. We are not afraid of criticism, and recognize that there is criticism and criticism, and we distinguish between them. Among the many heads that are shaken against the Bible, many are empty [applause], and some, if I may be permitted to say so, are too full; that is to say, they are too full of technical learning for perfect sanity and sobriety of judgment upon great and difficult questions. We are not afraid of criticism, but we believe in criticism being undertaken by Christian scholars. We do not believe in any one knowing more about the Bible than we do ourselves [applause], and we hold that the work of Christian scholarship to-day is to undertake sound and healthy criticism in order that that which is unsound and unhealthy may be driven away. We hold that there is a reasonable faith, and we try to maintain it. The battle between blind authority, mere dogma, on the one hand, and a reasonable faith on the other hand, cannot last long. It is quite certain where the victory lies. It is like the battle between Spain and America. [Applause.]

With reasonable faith submitting to the guidance of the revelation of God, but using the powers of mind that God has given to us. "In malice

be ye babes, but in understanding be ye men." For us the Bible is the standard, and the motto is that of St. Paul: "Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy, for by faith ye stand."

I was proposing to say something about personal character. Will you tell me if I am trespassing upon the time of this Conference? [Cries of "Go on! Go on!"] I am afraid some of you will be hungering for something else besides words, but I will not keep you much longer. This subject of personal character is one we cannot pass by. Doctrine and worship are intended to lead to character. What about Methodist saints? It is a great and grave question. Methodism has advanced in all generations by personal testimony, personal effort, and personal character. Personal testimony. Some people say we are more faithful than you are, that we think more about our class meetings. I am not sure about that. You have your own way of testifying, and if it be not ours, we do not judge you; but I am quite certain that Methodism will soon pale and lose its luster if it fails in its personal testimony. [Applause.] Then there is personal effort. "Every one bring one" is a better motto than having an eloquent sermon. It will fill your chapels more quickly. There must be personal effort as well as personal testimony, but, above all, there must be personal character. We were thrust out, as we have been so constantly reminded, to raise up a holy people. Wesley found out in 1737 that holiness comes by faith. In 1738 he found out we must be justified before we are sanctified, but the end, all the way through, it was holiness. As with Paul it was "righteousness," and with Luther "justification," so with Wesley it was "holiness"; therefore we ask ourselves, How is this kind of work going on?

There are saints of all types—Roman Catholic saints, Anglican saints, Puritan saints, and Salvation Army saints. I remember an account of a Presbyterian elder. A stranger went into a meeting, and there was a remarkable man sitting there. He asked, "Who is that?" The answer was in broad Scotch that I cannot imitate, "He is a mon that walks wi' God and makes shoon." (A cobbler that walks with God.) There is one type of saint. Now, thank God, we have never lacked that type of saint—the type of saint of the old woman up in the garret, who could do nothing but lie still and cough. We have types of saints of all kinds among us, and I wish to mention two names, and I think they will be known to many present. They have passed away: David Hill, the Chinese missionary [applause], and William Fidian Moulton, the Cambridge scholar [applause], two men as different as possible in natural gifts and in the work they had to do, but both of them illustrating from very different points of view what is meant by the type of Methodist saintship. We may not agree altogether as to the processes by which we teach the doctrine of holiness. What does it matter? Why in this holy region of all others should controversy be allowed to enter? We stand where John Wesley stood: to love God with all our heart and mind and soul and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves. [Applause.]

It is a lofty standard, but we believe that it is taught us, we believe that grace will be given us to gain it, and we are striving as best we may to reach it. But, as George Herbert said:

Pitch thy behavior low, thy projects high,
 So shalt thou humble and magnanimous be;
 Sink not in spirit, who aimeth at the sky.

We aim high; we know it is high; but we would not put the meaner thing in its narrow accomplishment above the nobler thing in its mighty progress; we would not prefer a shabby victory to an honorable defeat, and lower the level of the aim to enjoy the complacency of success. We believe, for all kinds of work, the most important thing is that the Methodist preachers and Methodist people should be seeking after perfect love to God and to man. [Applause.] We have many encouragements amidst difficulties. Some of our difficulties, as I have hinted, are with unbelief, but more, perhaps, are in doing battle with worldliness. The chief difficulties with the Methodist Church to-day in every part of the world come rather from prosperity than from adversity, and the subject of worldliness is one which I imagine must often exercise the hearts of your pastors. We have the text, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein." We also have the text, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world; for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." We must combine those two texts, and show our young people how the world belongs to God, and everything in life is to be sacred. Yet, on the other hand, we have to be very careful about some things that should be shut out of their life altogether. Dr. Dale, whose name is venerated on the other side of the water, died not very long ago, and left a manuscript upon which he was engaged just before he died. It so happened that the last sentence was unfinished. May I read it to you? It is a definition of unworldliness. He says: "Unworldliness does not consist in rigid and conscientious observance of any rules of external conduct, but in the spirit and temper of life, created by the vision of God, fellowship with Christ, experience of the greatness of redemption, and by the power of a great hope, the assurance that when our mortal years are spent there is a larger, fuller, loftier life in"—and that was the last word he ever wrote. Surely it is by the power of these great truths, these high aspirations, that we are to drive out the evil of unworldliness from our Churches; and if there is one thing I would say more emphatically than another, it is that we want more and deeper spiritual religion. [Applause.]

We have been delighted to hear of your movements toward federation on this side of the water. We are doing something in the same direction. Methodists, Congregationalists, Presbyterians, and Baptists are joining together in a most interesting federation which has already received a large amount of encouragement, and where the end of it will be we cannot at present see. It leads to a full, mutual knowledge among ministers. We are interchanging pulpits. We are agreeing not to overlap in our work. [Applause.] That is to say, where new churches are being erected we cannot of course affect the past so much as we should desire, but in the present and in the future we can do a great deal in that direction, and we are actually coöperating in many forms of service upon which I will not dwell at present. This is one of the great causes of encouragement. Our

people are ready to listen where a man has something to say, and ready to give when you can prove that there is good work to be done.

But I take it, sir, that now, as all through the ages, "this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Faith is the power by which we are to conquer. The spirit of unfaith in the intellectual world is the same thing as the spirit of unfaith which leads to unworldliness of life, of pleasure, and of those mischievous desires that are doing so much harm in the Churches. The only thing that can conquer unworldliness is energetic, dominant, invincible faith. We have a long muster roll of heroes in the eleventh chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, reaching from Abel down to Joshua. You can easily extend that list.

Think, then, of Stephen, a man full of the Holy Ghost; by faith Paul, by faith Peter, and by faith John, and by faith Antipas, the faithful martyr who perished at Pergamos, and by faith one and another of these heroes have conquered; by faith it was that Polycarp was able to stand up and say, "Eighty-six years I have served my King; shall I desert him in my old age?" Archdeacon Hare, in his "Victory of Faith," points out one after another whose name has been written in that glorious roll: Ignatius, the author of the verse that you sing in our hymn, though you may not know where it came from in the first instance, "My Lord, my Love, is crucified"; Telemachus, who put an end to all gladiatorial shows by leaping into the arena and devoting his life; and Athanasius, who stood against the world; and Boniface, the missionary to the Waldenses; and Wyclif, "the morning star of the Reformation"; and John Huss, by the side of whose grave I stood not long ago in Constance, and read again an account of his martyrdom; so one man after another until you come to the times of Wesley, Coke, Asbury, Strawbridge, Lee, Garrettson, McKendree, and many others, who through faith, some of them, crossed oceans and penetrated forests, or fought with wild beasts, or men wilder than wild beasts at Ephesus, and toiled and preached and prayed and wrestled with God for souls, and prevailed. [Applause.]

Our victory must be along the same line. Circumstances vary, but faith must be the same. If our faith loses its depth, its earnestness and tenacity of purpose; if our character loses its power and discipline, the work of Methodism is done. But it is not done; it is only begun. The day is dawning, and I believe Methodism all over the world will be more one in heart, in spirit, and in enterprise than ever it has been in the past. The history of the last twenty years warrants one in saying that those interchanges of thought and feeling that are brought about by the sending of fraternal messengers to and fro are of great value; I venture to think they are of very considerable importance in their results.

When I was in New York a newspaper interviewer (I believe the race is not quite extinct upon this side of the water) came to me and said: "I want to know what is the practical result of this fraternal delegation upon which you are engaged." Well, I will not give you my answer; that would be tedious. But if I had been able to point to the feeling of brotherly sentiment that has been manifested during the last few days, I venture to

say that would be a practical result worth having; but there are indirect practical results that I need not even indicate.

Let us meet as we do in this fashion, so interchanging our thoughts and feelings as that we shall strengthen one another, stand side by side, and march shoulder to shoulder in the road along which we have to tread.

May God increase our faith, and help us to help ourselves, and to help one another, and to help all outside who need our guidance and support, and so

Strengthen the wavering line,
'Stablish, continue the march,
On to the bound of the waste,
On to the city of God.

[Applause.]

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FRATERNAL ADDRESS OF THE REV. JOSEPH F. BERRY, D.D., OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

[See Journal, page 146.]

Dear Fathers and Brethren: I salute you in the name of the Lord Jesus, "of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named," and bring to you the cordial greetings of another great body of Christian believers who bear in common with you the Wesleyan name. I felicitate you upon the Holy Spirit's presence among you, and praise our Lord for every token of his love. "Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father."

The more than fifty years in which the two great bodies of American Methodists have been organically distinct can show no victories more signal than those you have won during the last quadrennium. The falling mantles of your ascended Elijahs have been caught by your consecrated Elishas, who emulate the most heroic of the fathers in their devotion and zeal. Full of faith, rich in good works, an honor to the family name, we bid you Godspeed!

I greatly rejoice that the spirit of fraternity between these sister Churches has had a substantial growth. The warmth and glow of the Joint Commission on Federation has reached our hearts. The vision of that Bethel will never be lost by those who saw it, nor by those to whom they have told it. That communion of saints marked the dawning of a new day of inter-Methodist coöperation. And some have thought it was also the prophecy of another day, coming in God's own good time, when the forces represented by the Methodist Episcopal Churches of this land shall be cemented in harmonious and perpetual union. The secular world has hitherto regarded us as rivals; but we were never rivals. Our fathers parted more in sorrow than in anger. The past, thank God, with its

misunderstandings, is gone forever. In all the coming days we shall live as brethren.

Let us be such comrades as were Angelo and Raphael. The influences of the times conspired to make them enemies. The fact was, however, they both rose so high above the level of the people who surrounded them that like twin mountains, otherwise solitary in the landscape, they felt themselves necessary to each other in the high altitudes where they dwelt. So let our Churches rise above the low levels of small misunderstandings and strifes; rise to such altitudes of brotherliness and charity that we shall feel ourselves necessary to each other in the purer atmosphere of love and service wherein we dwell. Shall not the sturdy Methodism of the North and the chivalrous Methodism of the South be as two great peaks in the Alps seen by visitors in the Swiss valleys? Whether you stand at the foot of craggy, desolate Matterhorn, or gaze up at solitary, snow-capped old Mont Blanc, each seems the greatest of the range. So, whether we meditate on the great deeds of our Simpson, our McClintock, or our Durbin, or upon the splendid achievements of your Pierce, your Summers, or your McFerrin, let us feel that they were giants in their day, worthies illustrious enough to win renown for the Church they loyally served.

My colleague and myself have been congratulating ourselves that the commission to bear this message of love to you has brought us to this city of beautiful homes and unbounded hospitality—this Mecca of American Methodism. During the last few days it has been my privilege to visit places sacred to all of our hearts, because they are so closely associated with the illustrious pioneers of our Church. I have traveled the Sam's Creek Circuit, stood under the great oak near the Paulson House, where Robert Strawbridge often preached; rested for a time in the Evans house, the oldest Methodist meetinghouse now standing upon the continent, and lingered in the prophet's chamber of the old Warfield home, where McKendree often lodged and Asbury wrote large portions of his journals. Only this afternoon I stood in delightful reverie at the side of Lovely Lane Chapel, where assembled the Christmas Conference. In fancy I saw the historic group. There was Coke—strong, fearless, evangelistic. There also was Asbury—sympathetic, spiritual, tireless. With these leaders were eighty-three intrepid pioneers—half of them scarcely more than boys. The reports at that Conference showed 14,988 communicants in the infant societies. A few hundred dollars would have covered their property possessions. There was no missionary society and no publishing house. That, you remember, was when the sun of the eighteenth century was sinking in the west.

The years have come and gone, and now, in the twilight of the succeeding century, we look once more upon our Zion. How marvelous the change! The one Annual Conference has multiplied into 350, and 83 traveling preachers have increased to an itinerant army 35,000 strong. The 14,988 Church members have been multiplied and multiplied again, until we now approximate 6,000,000. We have upward of 5,000,000 Sunday-school scholars, 2,000,000 of members in the Epworth League, while those in the nation who make up our constituency must number more than 20,000,000 of souls. Year by year our unique connectional agencies have been gath-

ering momentum, until now it is no idle boast to say that united Methodism is the most potent factor in the religious life of the republic. Well may the inspiring verse of our own matchless singer be applied to the growth of the Wesleyan movement on this continent:

When the work at first begun,
Small and feeble was his day;
Now the word doth swiftly run,
Now it wins its widening way;
More and more it spreads and grows,
Ever mighty to prevail;
Sin's strongholds it now o'erthrows,
Shakes the trembling gates of hell.

But we must not linger with these fascinating reminiscences. Another century is almost here. We are soon to sweep through its open portals. What of American Methodism in that new century? What shall be our spirit, our policies, our adjustments, our faith, our consecration, our victories for a hundred years to come? If such stupendous results have been achieved with the insignificant capital with which we began, what ought we not to do in the dawning century with all our accumulated power?

In that twentieth century there will be a hundred wonderful years—years of quickened mentality, broadened vision, accelerated activity, startling invention, social revolution, industrial readjustment, and war hot and terrible between the Church of Jesus Christ and the forces of darkness. The pace with which we have moved in the nineteenth century will not do for the twentieth. It is too slow. We will need to aim higher, build larger, run faster, and strike harder than we have ever done before.

Well, sir, such a century will produce a progressive Methodism.

Methodism has been a providential evolution. Changes have been numerous and radical. Obstructive conservatism has no place in our history. Wesleyan leaders have never been fossils. In nonessentials we have always been sufficiently elastic to permit rational innovations. Of course, there are mourners in our Zion, because certain of the historic landmarks are from time to time removed. But there were good people in the Church fifty, seventy years ago who were as seriously disturbed over the removal of the landmarks of former days. Mr. Asbury publicly rebuked the preachers of one of the Conferences for having discarded knee-buckles and garters for pantaloons. Daniel DeMotte was arraigned before the Indiana Conference for wearing a beard, and Edward R. Ames is said to have lost an election to the General Conference because he wore side-whiskers. The same Conference passed a resolution requiring every member to wear "straight-breasted or shad-bellied coats, and breeches with broad frills." I recall the horrified exclamation of Bishop Asbury when he beheld the church at Newport, Rhode Island: "A steeple and a bell! The next thing will be an organ and a choir, and then farewell to Methodism!" Well, we have the steeple and the bell, and have added the organ and the choir, yet Methodism survives, and is stronger and purer and more influential than ever. The last stage in our evolution has not yet been reached. We will hold tenaciously to essentials in doctrine, though they may be restated from time to time; but readjustments of polity, which will more perfectly

adapt Methodism to the conditions of the time, will be hailed with joy. We will still face the sunrise, and will have courage enough to surrender old methods that have outlived their usefulness, and eagerly grasp new ones that will aid us more promptly and successfully to consummate the great work committed to our hands.

Methodism in the twentieth century must be doctrinal.

They tell us that dogma has had its day, and that the drift is toward a Church of deeds rather than one of creeds. But the two are not antipodal. Indeed, as in the controversy between faith and works, faith is the basis of works, so are creeds the inspiration of deeds. A Church without doctrine will be as invertebrate as a mollusk. It will have no grip on the conscience. It will never lead the world back to God.

It is the glory of Methodism that at a time of widespread theological laxity she laid hold of the crucial truths of Christianity, and uttered them with fervid unction in the ears of the world. To those who taught a limited redemption, Methodism affirmed its universality; to those who held to the doctrine of an enslaved will, Methodism declared its freedom; to those who were groping amid the mists of uncertainty, Methodism proclaimed assurance; and to those who insisted that it was unreasonable to suppose that a sinner can know his sins forgiven, Methodism joyfully confessed that

The Spirit answers to the blood,
And tells me I am born of God.

Brothers, these doctrines are immortal. Age has not sapped their vitality nor dimmed their luster. They are still the power of God unto salvation. They are as perfectly adapted to the needs of humanity now as when Peter preached them at Pentecost, or as when John Wesley rescued them from the mass of theological vagaries of the eighteenth century.

Our doctrines must be magnified. We must preach them, teach them, sing them, print them, and testify concerning their power. Still we must make them the unyielding breastwork against which skepticism shall hurl its maddened forces—the inspiration of every ethical appeal and social reformation; the gleaming lights along humanity's pathway to guide men by the way of the cross to liberty and peace and heaven.

Then, Methodism in the twentieth century must be evangelistic.

John Wesley was the evangelist of his century. When his mission opened, the religion of England was Christianity without Christ. Prelates preached platitudes to peopleless pews. A dozen persons made a respectable congregation. Often there were only the sexton and the choir. The dean of St. Patrick's, in Dublin, once preached to the sexton alone. His sermon consisted of this exhortation: "Be a good man, John, and a Tory." Drunkenness, Sabbath desecration, and all sorts of crime were shockingly prevalent. In the midst of such moral darkness the evangelical fires of the eighteenth century were lighted. They burst forth upon the kingdom in tongues of flame, and soon all England glowed with their intensity.

The flaming torch of evangelism was presently carried to our shores. You remember Wesley's farewell commission to Shadford: "I let you loose, George, on the great continent of America; publish your message in the

open face of the sun, and do all the good you can." Well, sir, the Methodists did get loose on this continent. They went everywhere, preaching the gospel and telling their experience. They journeyed joyfully up and down the Atlantic seaboard. They pushed up into the valleys and over the hills of New England. They accompanied the march of civilization westward. They climbed the rugged heights of the Alleghanies and swept into the wilderness beyond. Soon the forests of your great Southland and the prairies of the farther west rang with the fervid songs and the exultant shouts of the Methodists. The one overmastering passion of these sturdy pioneers was that of evangelism. They preached for souls; they prayed for souls; they went from house to house seeking souls. Winning souls, they were happy; failing in that sublime mission, they were cast down. Who among us is ashamed that a recent magazine writer, discussing Methodism from the view-point of an outsider, affirms that the dominant impulse of the Wesleyan movement on all the continents for a hundred and thirty years has been its revivalistic fervor?

But what of the new century? Do not the changed conditions render evangelism less needful? Shall not Methodism now become absorbed in the humanities of our day and find in them her providential mission? No, no. Sin is still sin; sinners are still sinners; retribution is the same awful certainty. The call to repentance has never been revoked; the Son of God still yearns to claim the purchase of his blood; and the commission to evangelize the whole world, which was given to our fathers, has never been annulled.

The multitudes perish. They perish in the slums of the great cities; they perish on the fashionable avenues and boulevards, perish notwithstanding they are cultured and rich; they perish in isolated rural regions, many of them as destitute of the gospel as a Zulu or a Hottentot. Upon these dying multitudes the warnings and invitations of the gospel must still be pressed. And this great work must not be relegated to the professional evangelist, self appointed or otherwise. In the new century the name Methodist preacher and the name evangelist must again become synonymous terms. Our evangelistic temper must be maintained as the basis of our perpetuity. But we must continue to be evangelists for the sake of evangelical Christianity. Said a distinguished minister of another denomination in my hearing not long ago: "I observe that some of your people are inclined to discount revivals. But never give up your revivals. The overflow from them replenishes and vitalizes every Protestant communion." I thank God for such a tribute to my Church, and fervently pray that in these times of subtle criticism and corroding formalism our hearts may be filled with the fires of a second Pentecost, and our sacrificial hosts girded anew for the mightiest revival campaign in a hundred years.

But, sir, Methodism in the new century must also be socialistic.

John Wesley was a Christian socialist. His sympathies for the unfortunate were aroused while he was still a student at Oxford. Years after, when the Foundry was secured, a portion of the great room was furnished with benches and desks for a free school. Another was arranged for a bookstore, where publications of all useful kinds could be obtained for a

nominal sum. Still another part of the building was used as a dispensary, where the poor came to receive advice and medicine. An experienced surgeon was employed, and within a few months five hundred patients were cured. Then followed the loan society and the employment bureau. In the presence of these pressing needs of the common people, Mr. Wesley laid the foundations of the institutional Church, and demonstrated the fact that a Church can be foremost in evangelistic endeavor, and at the same time carry forward multiplied agencies to alleviate the distress of the unfortunate.

I would to God, sir, that the spirit of our founder might be projected across the century, and that the world's to-morrow might see Methodism marching in the vanguard of the Christian forces that must rescue the nation from its industrial and social perils. We are to face some grave industrial perils. Dark clouds already gather upon the horizon. There are mutterings of a coming storm. Organized capital is often organized greed. Organized labor is often organized tyranny. Both are Christless. The principles upon which much of the business of our times is conducted is little short of civilized barbarism. Hence the sweat shop. Hence the underpaid and the underfed.

The taproot of this industrial unrest is sordid selfishness. That saying is trite, but it is true. What is the remedy? Not education; not agitation; not legislation; but regeneration. And what Church should more joyfully carry the message of hope to the industrial world than this Church of democratic heart and generous hand?

Closely allied to these perils are those which touch the social life of our people. The problem of the city's slums, the saloon, prison reform, the broad question of Christian citizenship, the intricacies involved in the relief of the poor, the question of reaching those who are wholly indifferent to the Church—these and other burning issues must be met to-morrow. Shall they be left for adjustment to irresponsible hobbyists or secular sociologists? Nay, my brethren. The clear light of divine truth must be poured upon them. Bible standards must be lifted up. A propaganda of humanitarianism must begin—a humanitarianism based not upon regard for the bodies of people alone, but one having for its chief inspiration a yearning love for their souls. Am I too optimistic when I declare my growing confidence that the Methodism of to-morrow will be Christlike enough and Wesleyan enough to lead in this crusade for social regeneration?

It seems hardly necessary for me to say, sir, that in the new century we must make relentless war upon the insolent, ruinous rum traffic.

Long years ago we branded the legalized saloon as the center of diabolism upon earth, the fruitful source of the nation's commercial, social, and moral despair. But the adherents of the various branches of American Methodism are only half aware of their ability to deal with this evil. With our more than twenty million adherents, we have power enough within ourselves, if it were only harnessed and used, to strike terror to this demon's craven heart. And we will do it some day. Two millions of members of the Epworth League will march with us across the line which marks

the century—a new and potential factor in our war against the saloon. They are patriots every one. They love their country and glory in their flag; for they are superlative in the wave of patriotic feeling now sweeping over the land—a wave which has buried sectionalism sentiment and made us a united people. When General Joe Wheeler, a former wearer of the gray, rode on to the battlefield of Chickamauga the other day, and, wearing a uniform of blue, assumed command of a cavalry division of the United States army, who did not join in the cheer which greeted him? A nation's tears have fallen upon the bier of young Ensign Bagley, and a nation has remembered that the first American soldier to fall at his post, the stars and stripes waving about him, was a youthful son of North Carolina. Who has not joined in the chorus of approval that upon the roster of the staff of that magnificent Virginian, General Fitzhugh Lee, there has been enrolled the name of a grandson of that peerless soldier and illustrious citizen, U.S. Grant? The young people of American Methodism, born since the smoke of battle darkened our fair skies, are feeling their first thrill of abounding patriotism, and may be a trifle extravagant in their ambitions; but I believe I voice their sentiment when I express the hope that another Goddess of Liberty may send her shimmering light over the waters of Manila Bay, and still another over the waters in front of San Juan; that the flag of the Union may float from every flag pole and masthead in Havana, and, if it be necessary in behalf of political and religious freedom, our nation's anthem, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty," may echo throughout the streets of Madrid.

Their hearts consume with a righteous anger as they behold the national ruin which the rum fiend has wrought. Sir, the conviction is borne in upon me that before the sun of the new century has reached its meridian the legalized saloon will go down. We have preached against the saloon, and we have preached well; we have prayed against the saloon, and have prayed with fervor; we have written against the saloon, and there has been logic in our sentences; we have wept in the presence of the desolations of the saloon, and our tears have been sincere; but the day is coming when we will do more—a day when our sermons and prayers, and arguments and agitations, and heartaches and tears, will crystallize into ballots, and when, by the iron hand of prohibitive law, this red-lipped monster shall be throttled and choked and hurled back into the hell from which he came.

But we will not fail in the new century to place increasing emphasis upon Christian education.

The pillars of civilization rest upon two corner stones, religion and enlightenment. It is a fact of universal history that everything great in mental achievement, whether in art, literature, or civilization, is due to the stimulus of a belief in the divine. From this Dante obtained the theme by which he mastered Italy; it inspired the song of Tasso; it fired the courage of Savonarola when he cried out against Lorenzo; it was the staff upon which Luther leaned when he lifted his voice in the protest of the Reformation; it was the iron in the blood of Cromwell, and it gave to the verse of Milton its fervid glow when he sang the songs of paradise. Some one has aptly suggested that during the period that France was dominated

by the materialistic philosophy of Voltaire, "no great picture was painted and no great poem written." Does not experience also remind us that when we fail to recognize the supernatural in education, when we stimulate our students with mere worldly ambitions and appeal only to worldly motives, we quench the fires which stir the young to their noblest mental endeavor?

Almost as soon as she had drawn her first breath, Methodism recognized this historic axiom. Hence Kingswood and Cokesbury. As time has passed a great educational system has been built up. From our college halls have gone forth tens of thousands of students. They have gone forth with a thorough mental equipment, high ideals of life, a profound reverence for God and his word; and best of all, multitudes of them have rejoiced in Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour—an experience obtained during their college days. Brethren, these schools of learning will live in the new century, but their life will be more abundant. They will not always seek, and seek in vain, for appropriate buildings and ample endowments. The eyes of our people will be opened to their beneficent work, and money will flow unstinted to their treasures. Equipment will be the best which the world can produce, teachers will be paid salaries commensurate with their abilities, and Methodist education will stand side by side with Methodist salvation. Is it a mere idle dream of mine that in the next generation your colleges and ours will become federated around some common center of inspiration, and stand together for mutual coöperation and efficiency? I think not. And it is no idle dream that yonder upon the banks of the Potomac, in the shadow of the national capitol, there will soon stand a great Christian postgraduate university, with munificent endowment, cultured faculty, and facilities unsurpassed upon the continent; a university in which the flower of our young manhood and womanhood shall receive instruction unmingled with the rationalistic insinuations of the Old World; a university which shall be the pride and joy of Methodism South and Methodism North.

But time would fail me to speak at length of our great Connectional engineering, and of the imperative demand for immediate and immense enlargement.

The presses of our publishing houses must instantly quicken their speed. Christian books and periodicals must be scattered like the leaves of autumn—scattered until every home touched by our influence has been invaded and every library pervaded by their intellectual and spiritual leaven.

Our Church Extension Boards must be rebaptized for their incomparable work. Dollars must drop from consecrated hands into their treasures until a sanctuary has been erected in the last churchless district, no matter how isolated or how poor.

Our plans for the education of the poor, white and black, must be speedily placed upon a basis so generous and permanent that our largest efforts in the past will seem dwarfed and unworthy.

The great commission which Christ gave at Bethany must be echoed and reëchoed in the ears of the coming generations until the fires of missionary zeal and missionary consecration shall be fanned into leaping flames.

Hospitals, orphanages, and other Christly plans for the amelioration of

the condition of the wretched and the sick are yet in their infancy with us. We cannot expect to hear the "well done" of the Master if we do not multiply them a hundredfold. Methodism, not Romanism, must take this continent, and we should match every Sister of Charity with a beautiful white-souled angel in the garb of a Methodist deaconess.

The high possibilities of biblical instruction must become operative in our Sunday schools. Our Junior Leagues must be everywhere used to introduce childhood into membership with the Church. The Epworth League, with its superb plans for the intellectual, social, and spiritual culture of our young people, must be kept true to its ideals and made a measureless power for good.

And oh, sir, with the coming of the new century there must also dawn a new era in the method and measure of Christian giving. To-day the question too often is: "How little can I give to God, and how much can I keep for myself?" To-morrow it must be: "How much can I give, and how little can I safely reserve as the basis of future investments for Christ?" To-day it is the obligation of giving—the stern duty to yield up our treasure to God. To-morrow it will be the joy, the exhilaration, the luxury of pouring our choicest possessions into the treasure house of the King.

But while this Wesleyan brotherhood, a flame-crowned host, moves forward to realize these high ideals of service, we must still walk the humble paths of heart experience blessed of God among us for a hundred years.

We are traveling home to God,
In the way our fathers trod;
They are happy now, and we
Soon their happiness shall see.

Brethren, we must not rely for success upon swelling numbers or popular favor; nor yet upon an ecclesiasticism which even our rivals admit is the most perfect since the Church took on organic form. There is no power in a machine. We might place on the track the mightiest locomotive ever built; we might attach it to the longest train which a locomotive ever drew; we might burnish every brazen mounting until it glistened with brightness; we might smooth every journal box and oil every bearing; we could do all this with the mightiest engine ever built, and yet it would be a great, lifeless, useless thing. But let the fires once be kindled under the boilers, let the steam go coursing through its iron arteries—then you have a thing of life, a marvel of mighty power. Methodism needs more than a great ecclesiasticism. The fire must fall from above; the energy of the Divine Spirit must sweep through our souls; we must be electrified by currents direct from the divine dynamo. Thus filled and thrilled, we shall move out into a century pregnant with spiritual possibilities, and no power on earth or in hell can impede our conquering advance.

The strategic point in every campaign is that of leadership. Great deeds are incarnated in great men. The world is in extremity for men. The supreme need of Methodism in this hour is men, full-rounded men; men of big brain and great soul; tall men who will tower above the pigmies of their time; men of clear vision who can see afar; men of faith; men of conviction; men whom fear cannot move; men to whom even the stake and

the flame would have no terrors. Such leaders have been seen by every century, sometimes appearing only at long intervals, but always rekindling by their extraordinary powers of genius and of grace the expiring fires of goodness and truth. Such men were Moses, and Isaiah, and Paul, and Augustine, and Luther, and Wesley. Such men also were Asbury, and Lee, and McKendree, and Capers, and Hedding, and Soule, and Janes, and McIntyre. These men thought great thoughts; they spoke great words; they wrought great deeds; they marched across their age with a tread that shook the continents, and with a torch that illumined the world.

Hidden somewhere in the Almighty's quiver there are shafts as keen as any he has ever used, and he will give them to his Church when the emergent hour comes. These coming leaders may be living in obscurity to-day, their names unspoken. To-morrow they will come forth, each a Sir Galahad,

Whose strength is as the strength of ten,
Because his heart is pure.

Sir, I tremble when I think of the responsibilities of Methodism in the new century, but I fairly shout when I contemplate her matchless opportunities. In the words of a white-haired saint whose hands were laid in ordination upon some of our heads, and whose chariot of flame is even now descending to bear him upward to his crown: "God has committed to us a great trust. He has put the millions into our hands to be molded and fashioned. He has given us the key position in the crisis hour. He has made us the heart of the host, the hand of the right arm. America will determine the future of the world; from her will emanate the deciding factors. We ought to be chief among the determining forces of America. It is not possible for others to deprive us of that position if we do not prove ourselves unworthy to hold it."

I hear the tramp, tramp, tramp of the Methodist millions of the twentieth century. I lift my eyes, and, behold! the mountains and the valleys are filled with swiftly-moving columns, their banners waving in the breeze. They are marshaling for the war; they keep step with the other great Protestant battalions who also fight under the command of the King.

Methodism of the twentieth century! favored of God, exalted unto heaven in opportunity for service and sacrifice, move out, move out into the fiercest of the fight! Storm every fortress of evil, scale every bristling breastwork, and lift the crimson flag of Emmanuel above every conquered citadel!

In the name of Protestant Christianity, which looks to us still for aggressive leadership; in the name of every righteous cause whose destiny in this crucial hour seems to be trembling in the balance; in the name of the youthful millions who travel through an enemy's country, and whose ranks must be fearfully decimated by the subtle warfare of a hellish foe; in the name of our glorious veterans, scarred and bleeding from wounds received upon a hundred battlefields; by the cherished memories of our fallen leaders—aye, by the memory of the whitened face and parched lips and quivering limbs and breaking heart and dying agonies of the Son of God, I exhort you, falter not!

God grant that ere the bells ring out the death-knell of the twentieth

century the glad day shall have been ushered in when "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

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FRATERNAL ADDRESS OF THE HON. JONATHAN P. DOLLIVER,
OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

[See Journal, page 146.]

Bishop Hargrove and Brethren: I regard it as the greatest honor of my life to have this opportunity of speaking to the representatives of Southern Methodism upon a platform that will always be memorable to me by the presence of the distinguished and venerable leaders of your Church.

I do not know why I was picked out, among so many abler and worthier, to accompany Dr. Berry in this fraternal visit to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. I need not say that I appreciate the distinction of being associated in such a mission with a brother everywhere beloved as a leader of the youth of the Church—that consecrated host of young men and women upon whom its pressing responsibilities must soon fall. If it had been foreseen, as it ought to have been, that the sweep of his discourse was to cover the whole field, leaving all hearts too full of enthusiasm either to speak or to hear, they would, I am sure, have committed their message to him alone, and have left me to pursue my lowly occupations at the capital, undisturbed by the embarrassments that now surround me. [Applause.] Yet even in the midst of these embarrassments I do not regret that I am here, and in good Methodist fashion I will exhort a little, even if he has so completely used up the text. [Laughter and applause.] After all, I feel a good deal at home among you, for I was brought up in Virginia [great applause], and the only sign of heraldry in the possession of the family is the saddlebags of the circuit rider—the coat of arms of the itinerancy. [Great applause.] My colleague has spoken with reverence and admiration of the immortal names of Methodism, of the mighty men whose fame fills all the Churches; and as he recited the roll of these great names I saw how this vast assembly was filled by the heroic legends of the past. But somehow while he was speaking there kept coming before my eyes the picture of a quaint old parsonage, with a weather-beaten little church across the road, just on the other side of your Maryland mountains, and I could see a figure, now bent under the weight of years, riding up to the parsonage gate, erect and stalwart; and could catch the merry laughter of the preacher's girls and boys as he tossed them one after another upon the back of his itinerant horse; I heard again the voice of one whose gentle face, now radiant in the eternal beauty, lost its lines of care as she listened to the simple story of the week's labor on the circuit, of the conversions at the mourner's bench, of the probationers admitted on trial, of the funeral of some old saint, of the marriage of happy lovers, and the modest wedding fee, and all the joys and sorrows of the arduous little world in which we lived. [Prolonged applause.] There is always enough to say about the greatest men, about the choice and sifted few whose power and genius mold and shape the opinions of their time; and nobody ought to

complain of this. I would not take away from the glory of Methodism the laurels of a single one of its accepted heroes; for not one of them ever reached a summit from which the day of small things, in which his career began, could not be plainly seen. But no one has listened to Dr. Berry's description of the growth of these Churches in the century just closing without perceiving that in its human aspect it has been the fruit of many labors too obscure for the research of the historian, too humble for the noise of earthly fame, without remembering that in all the Conferences, and most of all in these Southern Conferences, where the Wesleyan reformation first took root, there were men who never saw their names in print except in the annual minutes, whose sacrifices enriched the spiritual life of barren and uninviting regions, who shared the hardships of settlements remote and primitive, and made the Methodist meetinghouse an outpost of civilization on all its distant and neglected frontiers. [Applause, and cries of "Good."] I like to think of these men, and of the elect women by their side [applause], struggling on a salary always meager and nearly always in arrears [laughter] to maintain the family from one quarterly meeting to another; but, amid all their troubles, serene in the confidence of an unconquerable faith. It may be that that generation, that peculiar type which made the rude altars of our early Methodism blaze with celestial fire, is going, or is gone; but we cannot doubt that the Church in all its branches has entered into their labors, and that it stands to-day with all its broad and generous activities on the foundations which their hands have laid. [Applause.] I salute superannuated preachers [applause], the broken veterans of the cross, the remnant of the advanced guard of social progress on this continent, from ocean to ocean; and in the salutation I do not forget the cheerful partners of their toil, who helped to pack the household goods and move the family, often with heavy hearts, from one appointment to another, never complaining, never looking into the mystery of the iron wheel [great laughter], never dreaming that either Providence or the presiding elder was at fault [loud applause], and never failing to illustrate in their unselfish lives the saintly graces that adorn and beautify the world. I offer this loving salutation to them all; some in the shadows of poverty, wondering whether the fifth collection will be more or less this year than last; some in the shadows of old age—all of them waiting for the day that is without shadow in the higher ministry which is appointed to the good and faithful servant.

I have had a good deal of advice since it was known that I was to come here with Dr. Berry, about what I ought to say [great laughter], and more especially about what I ought not to say. [Continued laughter.] It seems, from the general drift of this advice, that the object of this meeting is to give us a chance to say good things about the Church we represent, and better things about the Church to which we come as delegates, in order that we may add another chapter to the volume of mutual assurances which for so many years has been exchanged between you and us. [Laughter.] Even if our presence were no more significant than that, it would still be an agreeable and useful mission. But ever since I was appointed to come to this Conference, it has been running through my head and stirring in my

heart that the time has come to deliver a larger message, to speak as brother to brethren, as man to countrymen, on a subject that involves the welfare of the republic, of society, taken as a whole, even more than it concerns the Churches immediately interested. Nobody doubts that you can get on as a Church without us, and it is evident that we can get on without you. [Laughter.] The statistics that record the triumphs of Methodism, especially in the South, indicate clearly that if it were only a question of selfish Church policy, enlisting no deeper considerations, it is comparatively unimportant whether these two organizations, identical in origin, in doctrine, and in administration, come together or go on their separate ways. Both are strong and splendid enough to stand apart, and if they lived to themselves alone, each is fruitful enough in good works to justify its independent place in the world. It is because I believe that the permanent division of these Churches, after nothing whatever is left to separate them except imaginary lines upon the map, constrains their influence in the formation of the national character, and perpetuates a morbid and unnatural tendency in the national life, that I have felt, as one who rejoices in the prosperity of both, the pressure of my duty to speak as I have opportunity. Now, I hope no one will get nervous for fear the china shop, in which the fraternal greetings of forty years have been carefully shelved away, is about to be rudely invaded. [Laughter.] I am not going to say a word that will invite any controversy, except the healthful controversy in which men are apt to get at the truth. It is not an accident that the great Christian communion to which we belong has for fifty years, in spite of storms within and without, held fast to its characteristic doctrinal and administrative system, less disturbed than any other by schism or heresy. I don't know how it is with you down South, but I know that in our Church we have never had but one trial for heresy. One of our brethren out west lost confidence in the lower world. [Great laughter.] A splendid man, too, he was; born in the same county with me down in Virginia. He was all right as long as he stayed in the mountains, but, curiously enough, he changed his views on the subject after he got to Chicago. [Long and continued laughter and applause.]

What does that mean? It means that while the external conditions that made the division of the Church necessary have been slowly passing away, an overruling Wisdom has presided in the councils of both its branches, so that in the fullness of time they might be fitted together, without shock or hindrance or inconvenience of any kind. [Applause.] My countrymen, the fullness of time has come; that is the message which I bring to you from the scattered constituency for which I speak. [Applause.] The partition of the Church more than a half century ago was incident to a controversy long since dead and buried, into which, fortunately, it is no longer necessary to enter. So far as I can find out, the step was chosen more in sorrow than in anger, as the least of the manifold evils with which our fathers were compassed about. I do not doubt that an unseen Hand guided the whole proceeding. If it is not true that God governs this world, that the complex movement of events responds to the increasing purpose that runs through the ages, then there is an end of all theology and of

all coherent philosophy of human affairs as well. [Applause.] The great debate itself shows that the Church, rent with unavoidable dissensions, was providentially directed in the adjustment of difficulties no longer open to compromise and settlement. Looking back at the events of that period, it is perfectly plain that unless Methodism in the slaveholding states had found expression in an organization no longer connected with the anti-slavery Conferences, it would soon have lost any expression whatsoever. [Applause.] The permanent existence of slavery in the American republic was from the beginning impossible. Our fathers understood that, both in Church and State, and we see clearly from the end of the century what they saw dimly before its beginning. The men who divided the Methodist Church did not deal with slavery as a social theory, to be defended or condemned; they dealt with it as a present condition of society. They were confronted with a problem of administration. The North said: "Our Conferences, owing to the state of public opinion, will not peacefully receive the benedictions of a slaveholding bishop." The South answered: "Our people, for the same reason, will not peacefully submit to the jurisdiction of an anti-slavery General Conference." [Laughter.] From a practical standpoint, both were right; for the peace of the Church everywhere, and even its continued existence in the Southern states, would have been put in jeopardy had it not been for the Plan of Separation, of which we have so often heard more than enough. [Laughter.] It was of no use to dispute about the right or the wrong of slavery. That was *res adjudicata*, at least in many of the slaveholding states. The question was, whether to give up Methodism in the territory where its altars were first erected in the United States, or to break the bonds of a fellowship that for more than half a century had held the Annual Conferences together. It is not hard to believe, even for those of us who do not have your point of view, that your leaders of that generation acted not only within their rights, but also within their duty, when with troubled hearts they took leave of their brethren and turned to the new responsibility which they assumed [applause, and cries of "Hear," "Hear"], the responsibility of caring for the spiritual wants of a community about to pass through the most appalling experience that ever beset a brave and resolute people. If the General Conference of 1844 could have looked into the future, could have forecast the drama of the twenty years to come, the reign of prejudice, the carnival of passion, the explosion of the social order, the awful vicissitudes of the civil war that ended all, no spirit of resentment would have been bred in its deliberations. It would have said to the brethren of the South: "Your work is with your people. It is for you to admonish them, to soften the asperities of this strife, to exalt the cross of Christ in the midst of this storm, to interpret the handwriting of Providence in these blind and bewildered times." Nor can any man read the history of the reorganization of the Southern Conferences and consider the quickened zeal of the Churches, and the helpful ministry of the word in town and country, without feeling in his heart that these men were called into the Master's service for such a time as that. [Applause.] It was the end of an epoch; the confusion of tongues was at hand; the joint discussion of lawyers had become an offense to heaven as well as a nuisance among men;

the volumes of the old debates were worn to the covers. The *Federalist* and Madison papers, thumb-marked by the doubts of three generations, no longer emitted light, and politicians were standing up in congress and on the street corners impotently answering elemental and volcanic questions with the dead phrases of an obsolete vocabulary. The shadows upon the pathway of the republic had grown too dense for men to walk in, and if they turned to the great statesmen of the times, they were rewarded only with disheartening predictions of the future. "God grant," said Webster, "that in my day at least that curtain may not rise." "If I err," said Edward Everett, "in this happy vision of my country's fortune, I thank heaven for an error so animating. If this be false, may I never know the truth." "Thus thinking, my sincere desire is to preserve the Union," said Calhoun, in a memorable speech in 1848; "and let what will come, I shall take care that my course shall be such as to free me from all responsibility should it be destroyed." "Finally," said Henry Clay, "I implore as the best blessing that heaven can bestow upon me upon earth, that if the direful and sad event of the dissolution of the Union shall happen, I may not be spared to behold the sad and heartrending spectacle." Not one of them, not even the greatest, dared to trust his faith to look through the coming tempest. It remained for a later generation, executing, as we now discern, not the clumsy plans of men, but the will of God, to measure without despair the chaos that was around them, to walk into it, to fight the way of the people through it, to lift above it the old flag of our fathers, and in the midst of the flame and smoke of battle to create the nation of America. [Applause.] It was indeed a momentous time, a time when more than ever men needed to hear the inner voices which the gospel has brought into the world. Both North and South were moving—we can now see how swiftly—toward the day of judgment. I do not know how it looks to others, but it seems to me a perfect mark of God's benignant relation to human affairs that, before the final visitation came, the Churches of the South—the organized moral energy of the community—disentangled from connections that in the nature of the case would have alienated the people from them, were adequately equipped to carry on their work in a field no longer open to the approach of the Church at large. [Applause.] And when the hour of trial came, when the thick darkness fell, and men, no longer able to see their way, looked helplessly into each other's faces, the Church which you represent, nearer than any other to the family altars of the people, not only did its customary work in all its busy Conferences, but sent forth its most trusted servants to follow your young men to the hospital and the field, and through all the camps of disease, and to give to the fallen the simple ceremonies of a Christian burial. [Applause.] No one can read in the biography of John B. McFerrin, "the great commoner of Southern Methodism" [applause], "The War Diary of a Confederate Chaplain," without entering into a larger understanding of the sorrows of the American people in those torn and bleeding years. I remember a passage in that brief and vivid narrative, written just after the battle of Chickamauga: "I remained on the battlefield," says the chaplain, "eleven days, nursing the sick, ministering to the wounded, and praying for the dying.

The sight was awful. Thousands of men killed and wounded. They lay thick all around, shot in every possible manner. Among the wounded were many Federal soldiers. To these I ministered, prayed with them, and wrote letters by flag of truce to their friends in the North. They seemed to appreciate every act of kindness."

I have recalled this entry in the chaplain's diary, not because it reveals a devotion unusual or rare; I have recalled it because between the lines of it I read the whole tragedy of the national affliction. It brings back the past, though, as we think upon the picture, the battlefield vanishes, and we see only a figure bowed in prayer, and catch pathetic glimpses of far-off quiet firesides, North and South, where wives and mothers kept their silent vigils till the dawn of happier days. Books have been written, and the magazines have overflowed with military explanations of the final result of the conflict; but the devout student of history, without despising these, can afford to throw them all away, for he deciphers in the final success of the Union arms a decree by the Judge of all the earth that, in spite of every estrangement, this nation is one people, with one flag, one hope, and one destiny in the midst of the ages. [Great applause.]

From a mere worldly standpoint the advice of General Scott to Mr. Seward, to let the "wayward sisters depart in peace," contained in it a measure of wisdom; for it must have made men sick at heart to think of war, with all its horrors, and its legacy, still more terrible, of feud and anger and sullen malice, left over to curse the nation long after the victory was won. But the aged soldier only poorly comprehended that over all there was an Eye that neither slumbers nor sleeps, and in the midst of all an Arm made bare to shield alike both North and South, and to overrule the wrath of man for the service of liberty and civilization. [Applause.] A mere statesman in the place of Lincoln, and a mere general in the place of Grant, might indeed have maintained the government at Washington and overthrown the rebellion in the field; but mankind was entitled to a richer outcome of these tempestuous years. Without the new birth of freedom, under a national government growing ever stronger in the affection of all the people, the enlistment of our volunteer armies would have been a wretched parade of death. But there were two voices heard that lifted the civil war above all the bloodshed of history: one at the beginning, saying, with tender eloquence, "We are not enemies, but friends"; and the other at the end, in words which transfigured the face of victory with a divine illumination, saying, "Let us have peace." [Applause.] Is it any wonder that within a single generation every evil passion of the strife is dead, every bitter memory of the conflict buried? Is it any wonder that the boys who cheered "the defenders of Vicksburg," as they stacked their arms; who divided their rations with the Army of Northern Virginia, as the two great commanders sat down to talk together as countrymen and friends, have done their part, with the boys in gray, to bring in the new era of patriotism in which we now live? [Applause.] It may always be a matter of dispute as to which army won in this engagement or in that; and some have even claimed that the South was never defeated, but only wore itself out in a series of brilliant exploits, whipping us [laughter]; but here is an enduring

victory in which both armies have a share, that rich and splendid conquest of the hearts of men, nobler and worthier in the sight of God than captured cities and the spoils of war. Already that royal triumph of American manhood has recast the map of our national politics, turned the currents of American business into fresh channels, guided the tide of immigration in new directions, abolished the points of the compass in all secular affairs, except navigation and the surveyor's art [laughter], and even now while we sit here has brought the sons of the veterans of both of the old armies to their camps on the storied battlefields of the rebellion, waiting for their orders to march with Wheeler and Fitzhugh Lee in the cause of liberty and humanity, and to die, if need be, under the flag of a reunited country. [Prolonged applause.]

Into this national love feast, never again to be disturbed, our historic Methodism, in the eager aspirations of its membership, North and South, has already entered. Our people throughout the land have welcomed every fraternal sentiment that has ever been spoken, and every step in the right direction that has ever been taken, from the Cape May Conference to the platform of federation of the current year. [Applause.] With earnest hope they have looked forward to the day of final reconciliation; and as I have listened to the words of Dr. Berry, and caught the spirit of his prophetic outlook on the century that is at hand, the things in which we differ have seemed so small, and the things in which we are completely one so great, that I cannot hide my exultant confidence that the day has come. [Applause.] Standing in this capital city of Methodism, half way between the North and the South, amid surroundings made dear and sacred to all hearts by the landmarks of our common inheritance, I appeal to the Methodist millions of America for the reunion of the household of our common faith. [Applause.]

I desire to thank you from the bottom of my heart again and again for the kindness with which you have listened to me. [Prolonged applause.]

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Campbell, James....	Northwest Texas	Kelley, D. C.....	Tennessee
Cannon, James, Jr	Virginia	Kenney, J. J. N.....	Pacific
Canter, W. I.....	Western Virginia	Kilgo, John C.....	North Carolina
Carter, Charles W.....	Louisiana	Lallance, T. L.....	New Mexico
Chandler, Joseph S.....	Louisville	Lamar, A. J.....	Alabama
Child, R. A.....	South Carolina	Lipscomb, B. F.....	Virginia
Clark, I. W.....	North Texas	Lovejoy, William P..	North Georgia
Clifton, J. A.....	South Carolina	Lovett, W. C.....	South Georgia
Cofer, M. J.....	North Georgia	Mahon, R. H.....	Memphis
Corbin, J. F....	N. W. Mex. Mission	Mann, C. D.....	South Carolina
Daniel, J. W.....	South Carolina	Marvin, Fielding	Missouri
Denny, Collins..	Baltimore	Mason, J. M.....	Alabama
Dowman, C. E.....	South Georgia	McFerrin, John P....	North Alabama
Downs, Thomas C.....	Western	McGehee, J. B.....	South Georgia
Finley, J. F. G.....	Los Angeles	McLean, J. H.....	North Texas
Frazer, J. S.....	Alabama	McMurry, W. F.....	Missouri
Garland, J. Powell.....	Virginia	Meaders, A. J.....	Memphis
Gibbs, G. H.....	East Columbia	Mellen, T. L.....	Mississippi
Gibbs, J. T.....	North Carolina	Mitchel, J. H....	North Mississippi
Glenn, W. F.....	North Georgia	Morehead, R. C.....	White River
Godbey, J. E.....	Little Rock	Morris, Joseph T....	North Alabama
Godbey, V. A.....	East Texas	Murrah, W. B....	North Mississippi

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Name.	Conference.	Name.	Conference.
Neighbors, W. S.....	Holston	Smith, E. S.....	Texas
Nelms, W. L.....	Northwest Texas	Stewart, John R.....	Tennessee
Nelson, John R....	Northwest Texas	Stovall, J. W.....	West Texas
North, W. B.....	St. Louis	Sullivan, W. T. J..	North Mississippi
Palmore, William B..	S. W. Missouri	Swift, R. B.....	Montana
Peebles, W. R.....	Tennessee	Swindell, F. D.....	North Carolina
Pierce, T. R.....	North Texas	Tarboux, J. W.....	Brazil Mission
Piner, W. K.....	Louisville	Thompson, S. G....	Indian Mission
Pritchett, J. H.....	Missouri	Tigert, Jno. J.....	Louisville
Putman, Joe G....	Northwest Texas	Tillett, W. F.....	Tennessee
Rankin, G. C.....	North Texas	Turrentine, S. B...	W. N. Carolina
Reams, H. B.....	Tennessee	Vaughan, W. E.....	Pacific
Redd, A.....	Kentucky	Wade, T. S.....	Western Virginia
Reed, James C.....	Virginia	Wainright, S. H....	Japan Mission
Reid, C. F.....	China Mission	Ward, Seth.....	Texas
Richardson, F.....	Holston	Ware, T. H.....	Little Rock
Richardson, W. R...	South Carolina	Waterhouse, R. G.....	Holston
Roberts, C. F.....	Indian Mission	Watkins, A. F.....	Mississippi
Robertson, John S..	North Alabama	Weaver, J. H..	Western N. Carolina
Robins, John B....	North Georgia	Weeks, A. J.....	East Texas
Rowe, J. C....	Western N. Carolina	West, Anson.....	North Alabama
Sawyer, John T.....	Louisiana	Whisner, Peter H.....	Baltimore
Scott, J. D.....	West Texas	Whitehead, Paul.....	Virginia
Scott, T. D.....	Little Rock	Williams, A. M.....	South Georgia
Scroggs, J. R....	Western N. Carolina	Willson, John O....	South Carolina
Shangle, H. S.....	Columbia	Winton, G. B..	Mex. Border Mission
Simpson, John D...	North Alabama	Winton, William H..	S. W. Missouri
Smart, R. D.....	St. Louis	Wright, Julius E.....	Kentucky
Smith, A. Coke.....	Virginia		

LAY DELEGATES.

Abernathy, D. H.....	East Texas	Bell, B. D.....	Tennessee
Adams, S. B.....	South Georgia	Benton, M. E....	Southwest Missouri
Ainsworth, N. B....	Indian Mission	Bingham, J. R....	North Mississippi
Allison, W. M.....	West Texas	Bradford, Thomas..	North Alabama
Applegate, R. G.....	St. Louis	Brown, J. G.....	North Carolina
Armstrong, H. G..	Western Virginia	Brown, L. P.....	Mississippi
Austin, M. C.....	South Georgia	Burgher, B. M.....	North Texas
Baker, W. S.....	St. Louis	Buttrick, James....	W. N. Carolina
Ball, W. W.....	Kentucky	Campbell, A. G.....	Western
Banks, T. C.....	North Alabama	Casteel, B. J.....	Missouri
Barbee, J. Y.....	Memphis	Clark, J. B.....	Illinois
Barclay, Wilbur F....	Louisville	Clary, J. D.....	Little Rock
Barcus, W. J.....	Northwest Texas	Clay, W. J.....	Northwest Texas
Bass, Sidney.....	North Texas	Clinkscales, J. G....	South Carolina
Bates, G. H.....	South Carolina	Coltrane, D. B..	Western N. Carolina

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Coppedge, J. J.....	North Texas	Montgomery, M. L.....	Los Angeles
Craighead, E. B.....	Missouri	Morrison, C. W.....	Memphis
Crawford, J. E.....	Texas	Morrison, H. C.....	Kentucky
Critz, F. A.....	North Mississippi	Moseley, E. G.....	Virginia
Daniel, F. M.....	White River	Muller, Charles E.....	Baltimore
Daniel, Robert T....	North Georgia	Nakamura, H.....	Japan Mission
Davis, Richard B.....	Virginia	Napier, George M....	North Georgia
Day, J. L.....	South Georgia	Neal, H. B.....	North Georgia
Dial, R. C.....	North Texas	Odell, J. A....	Western N. Carolina
Doss, J. M.....	Indian Mission	Olivares, I. R..	Mex. Border Mission
Edwards, T. E....	Cen. Mex. Mission	Palmer, H. E. W....	North Georgia
Ehrlich, E.....	South Carolina	Park, W. H.....	China Mission
Elliott, William.....	Louisville	Pepper, J. R.....	Memphis
Featherstone, C. C..	South Carolina	Portis, J. W.....	Alabama
Fields, M. D.....	Texas	Potter, John.....	Pacific
Fishburne, Tipton T....	Baltimore	Power, W. R.....	North Georgia
Garrison, T. S.....	East Texas	Prince, George E....	South Carolina
Gray, G. A....	Western N. Carolina	Pritchett, J. E.....	West Texas
Grose, John A....	Western Virginia	Pugh, Arthur B.....	Baltimore
Grote, Henry C....	German Mission	Quillien, John F....	Indian Mission
Hanger, M. R.....	East Columbia	Rader, Perry S.....	Missouri
Hardeman, Isaac.....	South Georgia	Reeves, E. C.....	Holston
Harper, John H.....	New Mexico	Rhodes, C. B....	Southwest Missouri
Henderson, R. M.....	White River	Robertson, J. M....	Northwest Texas
Hicks, J. W.....	Holston	Rounsaville, J. A....	North Georgia
Hill, Hiram W.....	North Georgia	Rowe, Nathan M....	North Alabama
Hindman, J. R.....	Louisville	Rucker, E. P.....	Holston
Hodges, George C....	South Carolina	Scales, D. C.....	Tennessee
Huddlestun, A. Elias....	Baltimore	Shackleford, Thomas.....	Missouri
Hunt, Gilbert J.....	Virginia	Shalders, C. G. S....	Brazil Mission
Hyer, R. S.....	Northwest Texas	Sheats, W. N.....	Florida
Jarman, J. L.....	Holston	Smith, O. M.....	South Georgia
Jones, George M....	S. W. Missouri	Smith, William W.....	Virginia
Jones, R. W.....	North Mississippi	Southgate, J. H....	North Carolina
Jordan, T. W.....	Holston	Springer, W. E.....	North Carolina
Kemper, J. W.....	Montana	Stanley, D. W.....	Florida
King, T. B.....	Memphis	Stevenson, E. H.....	Arkansas
Leigh, L. B.....	Little Rock	Stevenson, J. H.....	Tennessee
Little, Lucius P.....	Louisville	Stokes, Jordan.....	Tennessee
Marshall, R. T.....	Kentucky	Strange, E. A.....	Denver
Martin, W. W.....	Arkansas	Strother, J. P.....	Pacific
McCollum, J. H.....	Little Rock	Sykes, W. G.....	North Mississippi
McCutchen, S. B.....	Louisiana	Taylor, R. B....	Southwest Missouri
McGhee, J. A.....	Columbia	Thompson, W. B.....	Louisiana
McMillan, A. M.....	Alabama	Thornton, W. M.....	Mississippi
Miller, A. C.....	North Alabama	Thurmond, P. C.....	North Texas
Millsaps, R. W.....	Mississippi	Tillett, C. W...	Western N. Carolina

Name.	Conference.	Name.	Conference.
Tisdale, N. R.....	Indian Mission	Webb, W. R.....	Tennessee
Turnipseed, D. C.....	Alabama	West, Francis T.....	Virginia
Valencia, J. M....N. W. Mex. Mission		White, C. W.....	Florida
Vandiver, W. F.....	Alabama	Wier, William E....	North Alabama
Vicar, W. W.....	Virginia	Williams, W. E....	Northwest Texas
Wagner, T. H.....	Missouri	Woods, B. H.....	Northwest Texas
Wall, I. D.....	Louisiana	Zollicoffer, D. B....	North Carolina
Walton, M. Lauck.....	Baltimore		

CLERICAL ALTERNATES.

Adams, T. W.....	Mississippi	Haggard, W. T.....	Tennessee
Allen, Beverly P....	North Georgia	Henry, James M.....	Louisiana
Allen, R. F.....	Pacific	Howard, Harry C....	North Alabama
Alexander, J. M.....	West Texas	Hughes, W. H.....	North Texas
Alton, B. V.....	Southwest Missouri	Joiner, E. E.....	Brazil Mission
Andrews, A. L.....	Alabama	Kerley, T. A.....	Tennessee
Anthony, B.....	South Georgia	Le Clere, G. A.....	Texas
Atkins, D.....	Western N. Carolina	Lewis, T. W.....	North Mississippi
Babcock, S. H.....	White River	Long, S. D.....	Holston
Barret, A. Lee....	Western Virginia	Ley, J. B.....	Florida
Baskervill, G. B.....	Memphis	MacDonell, Geo. G. N....	S. Georgia
Binkley, J. M.....	North Texas	Mangum, T. F.....	Alabama
Bolton, B. R.....	Northwest Texas	Mays, W. R.....	St. Louis
Bond, Beverly W.....	Baltimore	McClung, S. F....	Western Virginia
Browder, Robert W.....	Louisville	McClure, W. T....	Southwest Missouri
Bumpas, R. F.....	North Carolina	McKnight, H. M.....	Los Angeles
Bush, David.....	Baltimore	Monk, Alonzo.....	Holston
Butler, M. L.....	Indian Mission	Mood, J. R....	Mexican Border Mission
Campbell, Daniel S.....	Louisville	Nixon, T. J.....	Florida
Cantrell, J. M.....	Arkansas	Onderdonk, F. S....	Cen. Mex. Mission
Cochran, J. B.....	Texas	Parker, Fitzgerald Sale...	Louisiana
Compton, J. W.....	East Columbia	Pasco, F.....	Florida
Deering, John R.....	Kentucky	Payne, James W.....	Western
Dobbs, Samuel L....	North Alabama	Peterson, J. M.....	North Texas
Du Bose, H. M.....	Mississippi	Pilley, R. E.....	China Mission
Duffey, Jefferson W.....	Baltimore	Rabe, J. A. G.....	German Mission
Dye, T. W.....	North Mississippi	Rice, J. A.....	South Carolina
Early, J. H.....	St. Louis	Riggin, J. H.....	Little Rock
Elliott, R. C....	N. W. Mex. Mission	Sensabaugh, O. F....	Northwest Texas
Emery, J.....	Pacific	Sherman, W.....	Arkansas
Evans, W. F.....	Little Rock	Sims, W. J.....	Indian Mission
Fisher, Sterling.....	West Texas	Smith, J. T.....	East Texas
Fitch, E. L.....	Columbia	Smith, M. M.....	White River
Gibson, George M.....	Missouri	Starr, W. G.....	Virginia
Goodson, E. F.....	New Mexico	Sturdivant, Joel F....	North Alabama
Greathouse, B. H.....	East Texas	Sullivan, G. T.....	Memphis

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Tabor, S. B.....	Montana	Wheeler, T. S.....	Denver
Taylor, W. F.....	Kentucky	Wilson, Richard T.....	Virginia
Ware, W. R....	Western N. Carolina	Wilson, W. A.....	Japan Mission
Warren, George J.....	Missouri	Yates, E. A.....	North Carolina
Watson, E. O.....	South Carolina	Young, W. J.....	Virginia
Westcott, J. W.....	Illinois		

LAY ALTERNATES.

Adkins, J. A.....	Western Virginia	Gregg, B. G.....	South Carolina
Akard, B. W.....	Northwest Texas	Gwinn, R. J.....	North Georgia
Ames, C. B.....	Indian Mission	Harris, N. E.....	South Georgia
Armstrong, J. E.....	East Texas	Hawkins, S. W.....	Memphis
Ashley, W. A.....	Illinois	Hinemon, J. H.....	Little Rock
Baggett, J. J.....	Arkansas	Hiner, Benjamin H.....	Baltimore
Barham, Thomas J.....	Virginia	Hollister, C. A....	Western Virginia
Barlow, J. F.	North Texas	Hudgens, B. B.....	Arkansas
Bates, Creed F.....	Holston	Jester, L. L.....	East Texas
Baugh, J. J.....	White River	Killian, J. R.....	Denver
Bell, E. P.....	Louisville	King, Olin.....	North Georgia
Bell, G. H.....	China Mission	Leavel, James P.....	Missouri
Beneke, Charles H.	German Mission	McCain, J. M.....	Little Rock
Bennett, R. L.....	Mississippi	McLeran, A. W.....	Florida
Blalock, L.....	North Texas	Miller, J. F.....	North Carolina
Bradbury, T. M....	Southwest Missouri	Morris, C. H.....	North Texas
Branch, John P.....	Virginia	Murry, J. Y.....	North Mississippi
Bricken, B. R.....	Alabama	Nelson, J. D.....	South Carolina
Burkett, J. W. N.....	Memphis	Nishikawa, T.....	Japan Mission
Carlisle, James L.....	St. Louis	Nolen, John L.....	Tennessee
Claxton, P. P....	Western N. Carolina	Northey, J. V.....	Pacific
Coachman, J. W....	Brazil Mission	Paulett, R. S.....	Virginia
Collier, Daniel.....	North Alabama	Peabody, E. W.....	Florida
Connell, W. V....	North Mississippi	Perez, Juan G. Mex.	Border Mission
Conrad, Edward S.....	Baltimore	Pharr, Henry N.....	Louisiana
Cooper, C. L.....	Tennessee	Prettyman, Chas. W....	Baltimore
Cornejo, Ildefonso...	N. W. M. Mission	Pritchett, H. C.....	Texas
Doss, W. L.....	Louisiana	Rankin, A. S....	Southwest Missouri
Durham, B. J.....	Kentucky	Ranney, J. P.....	St. Louis
Duvall, Alex.....	Louisville	Rees, Alonzo.....	West Texas
Emmons, S. P.....	Missouri	Robbins, J. W.....	Texas
Enochs, J. R.....	Mississippi	Senkadota.....	Indian Mission
Figueroa, S. G....	Cen. Mex. Mission	Sharp, C. L.....	White River
Fry, J. D.....	Columbia	Sinex, F. B.....	Northwest Texas
Garrison, Ethridge J...	N. Alabama	Smith, L. L.....	North Carolina
Gay, H. C.....	East Columbia	Starns, J. B.....	Western
Gillett, E. G.....	West Texas	Stikeleather, F....	Western N. Carolina

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Name.	Conference.	Name.	Conference.
Stuart, George R.....	Holston	Watkins, T. J.....	Florida
Stubbs, W. B.....	South Georgia	Welch, W. W.....	Montana
Teel, W. L.....	Lcs Angeles	Wilkinson, J. A.....	Alabama
Thomas, W. T.....	Tennessee	Wilson, D. R.....	Pacific
Tossell, W. P.....	New Mexico	Winslow, H. M.....	Kentucky
Total clerical delegates.....		139	
Total clerical alternates.....		83	
Total lay delegates.....		139	
Total lay alternates.....		84	
Grand total.....		445	

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OF THE

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Alabama Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> A. J. Lamar, J. M. Mason, J. S. Frazer, S. M. Hosmer. <i>Lay:</i> A. M. McMillan, D. C. Turnipseed, J. W. Portis, W. F. Vandiver.....	8
Arkansas Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> F. S. H. Johnston, S. Anderson. <i>Lay:</i> E. H. Stevenson, W. W. Martin.....	4
Baltimore Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Collins Denny, Peter H. Whisner, Henry P. Hamill, John A. Anderson, John S. Hutchinson. <i>Lay:</i> M. Lauck Walton, Arthur B. Pugh, Tipton T. Fishburne, A. Elias Huddleston, Charles E. Muller.....	10
Brazil Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. W. Tarboux. <i>Lay:</i> C. G. S. Shalders.....	2
Central Mexico Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. W. Grimes. <i>Lay:</i> T. E. Edwards.....	2
China Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> C. F. Reid. <i>Lay:</i> W. H. Park.	2
Columbia Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> H. S. Shangle. <i>Lay:</i> J. A. McGhee.	2
Denver Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> W. H. Howard. <i>Lay:</i> E. A. Strange.	2
East Columbia Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> G. H. Gibbs. <i>Lay:</i> H. C. Gay, lay alternate <i>vice</i> M. R. Hanger.....	2
East Texas Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> A. J. Weeks, V. A. Godbey. <i>Lay:</i> D. H. Abernathy, T. S. Garrison.....	4
Florida Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. P. Hilburn, R. H. Barnett, Josephus Anderson. <i>Lay:</i> W. N. Sheats, D. W. Stanley, C. W. White.....	6
German Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> P. H. Hensch. <i>Lay:</i> Henry C. Grote.....	2
Holston Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> E. E. Hoss, F. Richardson, R. G. Waterhouse, W. S. Neighbors, J. A. Burrow. <i>Lay:</i> T. W. Jordan, E. C. Reeves, E. P. Rucker, J. W. Hicks, J. L. Jarman; George R. Stuart and Creed F. Bates, lay alternates, seated part of the session <i>vice</i> E. P. Rucker.....	12
Illinois Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Robert Paine Howell. <i>Lay:</i> J. B. Clark.....	2

Indian Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. M. Gross, S. G. Thompson, T. F. Brewer, C. F. Roberts; <i>M. L.</i> Butler, clerical alternate part of the session <i>vice</i> J. M. Gross. <i>Lay:</i> N. B. Ainsworth, John F. Quillen, J. M. Doss, N. R. Tisdale.....	9
Japan Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> S. H. Wainright. <i>Lay:</i> T. Nishikawa, lay alternate <i>vice</i> H. Nakamura.....	2
Kentucky Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Julius E. Wright, A. Redd, W. E. Arnold. <i>Lay:</i> R. T. Marshall, H. C. Morrison, W. W. Ball.....	6
Little Rock Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. E. Godbey, T. D. Scott, T. H. Ware. <i>Lay:</i> L. B. Leigh, J. H. McCollum, J. D. Clary; J. H. Hinemon, lay alternate, seated part of the session <i>vice</i> L. B. Leigh..	7
Los Angeles Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. F. G. Finley. <i>Lay:</i> M. L. Montgomery.....	2
Louisiana Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Charles W. Carter, John T. Sawyer, Samuel S. Keener. <i>Lay:</i> S. B. McCutchen, W. B. Thomson, I. D. Wall.....	6
Louisville Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Gross Alexander, Jno. J. Tigert, W. K. Piner, Joseph S. Chandler; D. S. Campbell, clerical alternate, seated part of the session <i>vice</i> W. K. Piner. <i>Lay:</i> Wilbur F. Barclay, J. R. Hindman, Lucius P. Little, William Elliott.....	9
Memphis Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> R. H. Mahon, H. B. Johnston, A. J. Meaders, S. L. Jewell. <i>Lay:</i> J. R. Pepper, J. Y. Barbee, C. W. Morrison, T. B. King; J. W. N. Burkett, lay alternate, seated part of the session <i>vice</i> J. Y. Barbee.....	9
Mexican Border Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> G. B. Winton. <i>Lay:</i> I. R. Olivares.....	2
Mississippi Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> A. F. Watkins, W. C. Black, T. L. Mellen. <i>Lay:</i> R. W. Millsaps, W. M. Thornton, L. P. Brown...	6
Missouri Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. H. Pritchett, Fielding Marvin, W. F. McMurry, W. A. Hanna, John Anderson; G. M. Gibson, clerical alternate, seated part of the session <i>vice</i> John Anderson. <i>Lay:</i> B. J. Casteel, Perry S. Rader, Thomas Shackelford, E. B. Craighead; James P. Leavel, lay alternate <i>vice</i> T. H. Wagner.....	11
Montana Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> R. B. Swift. <i>Lay:</i> J. W. Kemper.	2
New Mexico Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> T. L. Lallance. <i>Lay:</i> John H. Harper.....	2
North Alabama Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> John D. Simpson, Joseph T. Morris, Anson West, John S. Robertson, John P. McFerrin. <i>Lay:</i> T. C. Banks, Nathan M. Rowe, Thomas Bradford, A. C. Miller, William E. Wier.....	10
North Carolina Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> John C. Kilgo, T. N. Ivey, J. T. Gibbs, F. D. Swindell. <i>Lay:</i> J. G. Brown, W. E. Springer, J. H. Southgate, D. B. Zollicoffer.....	8
North Georgia Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> W. F. Glenn, R. J. Bigham, M. J. Cofer, J. D. Hammond, William P. Lovejoy, John B. Robins,	

John W. Heidt; also as clerical alternate, seated part of the session <i>vice</i> W. F. Glenn. <i>Lay</i> : George M. Napier, H. E. W. Palmer, Robert T. Daniel, Hiram W. Hill, H. W. Neal, W. R. Power; Olin King, lay alternate <i>vice</i> J. A. Rounsaville.....	14
North Mississippi Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : John W. Boswell, W. B. Murrah, W. T. J. Sullivan, J. H. Mitchel. <i>Lay</i> : R. W. Jones, J. R. Bingham, F. A. Critz, W. G. Sykes.....	8
North Texas Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : J. H. McLean, I. W. Clark, E. W. Alderson, G. C. Rankin, T. R. Pierce; J. M. Binkley, clerical alternate, seated part of the session <i>vice</i> T. R. Pierce. <i>Lay</i> : B. M. Burgher, J. J. Coppedge, Sidney Bass, P. C. Thurmond, R. C. Dial; L. Blaylock, lay alternate part of the session <i>vice</i> R. C. Dial.....	12
Northwest Mexican Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : J. F. Corbin. <i>Lay</i> : J. M. Valencia.....	2
Northwest Texas Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : W. L. Nelms, James Campbell, Joe G. Putman, John R. Nelson, Horace Bishop, John M. Barcus. <i>Lay</i> : W. E. Williams, W. J. Clay, J. M. Robertson, R. S. Hyer, W. J. Barcus; F. B. Sinex, lay alternate <i>vice</i> B. H. Woods, Jr.	12
Pacific Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : J. J. N. Kenney, W. E. Vaughan. <i>Lay</i> : John Potter, J. P. Strother.....	4
South Carolina Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : W. R. Richardson, John O. Willson, C. D. Mann, J. W. Daniel, J. A. Clifton, R. A. Child. <i>Lay</i> : E. Ehrlich, G. H. Bates, C. C. Featherstone, George C. Hodges, J. G. Clinkscales; B. G. Gregg, lay alternate <i>vice</i> George E. Prince.	12
South Georgia Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : W. C. Lovett, C. E. Dowman, J. B. McGehee, A. M. Williams, J. O. Branch. <i>Lay</i> : S. B. Adams, J. L. Day, Isaac Hardeman, M. C. Austin, O. M. Smith.....	10
Southwest Missouri Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : William B. Palmore, William H. Winton, J. W. Howell, C. H. Briggs; W. T. McClure, clerical alternate, seated part of the session <i>vice</i> J. W. Howell. <i>Lay</i> : M. E. Benton, R. B. Taylor, George M. Jones, C. B. Rhodes.	9
St. Louis Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : R. D. Smart, W. B. North. <i>Lay</i> : R. G. Applegate, W. S. Baker.....	4
Tennessee Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : W. F. Tillet, John R. Stewart, D. C. Kelley, H. B. Reams, W. R. Peebles. <i>Lay</i> : W. R. Webb, J. H. Stevenson, B. D. Bell, Jordan Stokes, D. C. Scales.....	10
Texas Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : Seth Ward, E. S. Smith. <i>Lay</i> : J. E. Crawford, M. D. Fields.....	4
Virginia Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : B. F. Lipscomb, Paul Whitehead, James Cannon, Jr., James C. Reed, A. Coke Smith, J. Powell Garland. <i>Lay</i> : E. G. Moseley, W. W. Vicar, Francis T. West, William W. Smith, Gilbert J. Hunt; Thomas J. Barham, lay alternate <i>vice</i> Richard B. Davis.....	12
West Texas Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : J. D. Scott, J. W. Stovall. <i>Lay</i> : E. G. Gillett, lay alternate <i>vice</i> J. E. Pritchett; W. M. Allison.....	4

Western Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Thomas C. Downs. <i>Lay:</i> A. G. Campbell	2
Western North Carolina Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> James Atkins, S. B. Turrentine, J. C. Rowe, J. H. Weaver, J. R. Scroggs. <i>Lay:</i> C. W. Tillett, J. A. Odell, D. B. Coltrane, James Buttrick; F. Stikeleather, lay alternate <i>vice</i> G. A. Gray	10
Western Virginia Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> T. S. Wade, W. I. Canter. <i>Lay:</i> H. G. Armstrong, John A. Grose	4
White River Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> R. C. Morehead, Z. T. Bennett. <i>Lay:</i> F. M. Daniel, R. M. Henderson	4
Clerical delegates	144
Lay delegates	144
Total	288

RULES OF ORDER

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

RULE 1. The regular hour of meeting shall be 9 A.M., and of adjournment 1 P.M. A majority of those present and voting may extend the session temporarily, but the hour of meeting shall not be changed unless by a vote of two-thirds.

RULE 2. The presiding officer shall cause the session to be opened promptly with divine service; and after reading and approval of the journal, the following shall be the order of business:

- (1) Reports of standing committees.
- (2) Reports of special committees.
- (3) Appeals, memorials, and petitions.
- (4) Resolutions. (The call for resolutions shall be made by Conferences.)

No new business shall be introduced after the tenth day, except by a suspension of the rule.

RULE 3. Special committees ordered by the Conference shall be appointed by the Bishop presiding at the time. A member may decline to serve on more than one such committee.

RULE 4. When the report of a committee is under discussion, the chairman of that committee, or one of the members selected by the chairman or by the committee, shall have the right to close the discussion, and the call of the previous question shall be subject to that right.

RULE 5. The presiding officer shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference. When such appeal is taken, the person appealing shall be allowed to state the ground of his appeal, and the Chair the ground of his decision. In each case such statement shall not exceed five minutes. Otherwise than this the vote shall be taken without debate.

RULE 6. Every resolution shall be in writing and in duplicate, signed by at least two members; and every substitute or amendment and report of a committee shall be in writing and in duplicate.

RULE 7. All papers designed to go before committees shall be referred to the committee named by the mover, unless objection is made.

RULE 8. All papers proposing changes of the Discipline, whether they be reports of committees or original propositions offered under Rule 2, or otherwise, shall specify by chapter, paragraph, section, or page the passage to be affected, and also recite the language as it will read when amended.

RULE 9. A report or other paper shall be considered in possession of the Conference when it has been presented and read by the Secretary; but any such paper or resolution may be withdrawn at any time before action thereon by the Conference.

RULE 10. In the disposition of matter before the Conference, the following motions shall have precedence:

- (1) Lie on the table.
- (2) The pending question.
- (3) The previous question.
- (4) Postpone to definite time.
- (5) Commit.
- (6) Amend.
- (7) Substitute.
- (8) Indefinite postponement.
- (9) It shall be in order to offer an amendment to an amendment, and one amendment to a substitute. Should a motion assume this shape, the order of voting shall be as follows:
 - (a) On the amendment to the amendment;
 - (b) On the amendment, thus perfecting the main question;
 - (c) On the amendment to the substitute;
 - (d) On the substitute;
 - (e) On the main question.

RULE 11. Every member desiring to speak shall arise from his seat and respectfully address the President, and shall not be interrupted when speaking unless when called to order by the President, or by a member of the Conference through the President, in which case Rule 5 shall not apply. By permission of the Conference, a member may explain if he claims to be misrepresented.

RULE 12. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than fifteen minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference; nor shall any member speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

RULE 13. No member, unless unavoidably hindered by sickness

or otherwise from being present, shall absent himself from the sessions of the Conference without leave.

RULE 14. Every member who is within the bar when a question is put shall vote, unless the Conference excuses him; and no member shall be allowed to vote who is not within the bar when the question is put, unless by leave of the Conference granted in case where he has been necessarily absent.

RULE 15. Whenever a member shall move the "previous question," the Chair shall demand, "Shall the question now be put?" and the vote on such motion shall be taken without debate. If a majority of the members voting sustain the call, the President shall put the question then pending without debate, except as provided in Rule 4.

RULE 16. A motion to reconsider may be made on the day of the vote or the day after, immediately after the reading of the journal, by any member who voted with the majority.

RULE 17. On demand of one-fifth of the members of the General Conference, a recorded vote by yeas and nays shall be taken.

RULE 18. A calendar shall be kept by the Secretary of the reports from committees and of orders of the day, which shall be listed according to the time of their presentation or fixing; and they shall be considered by the Conference in the order of the calendar, unless the Conference by vote of the majority order otherwise.

RULE 19. A motion to adjourn made by a member entitled to the floor shall always be in order, and shall be taken without debate.

RULE 20. No proposition to change the Discipline shall be considered until it has been at least one day in the possession of the Conference.

RULE 21. These rules shall not be changed or suspended except by a majority of two-thirds of all the members present and voting.

BISHOPS' ADDRESS.

*Read Before the General Conference at its First Session, Wednesday Morning,
May 7, 1902.*

DEAR BRETHREN: Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the name of our Common Master we salute you, the chosen representatives of the ministry and laity of our Church, and fellow-laborers in the kingdom of our Lord.

With our greetings we bring you our congratulations, for you are greatly honored by your brethren in being called to this high service. To you is very largely committed the destiny of the Church very dear to us all, a precious heritage from our fathers who wrought with an invincible spirit, a lofty courage, and a sublime faith, amid sacrifices and sufferings rarely if ever surpassed in the history of the universal Church. Great as may be the dignity and honor of your representative relation to your brethren, more grave and weighty are your responsibilities as legislators, whose acts may advance or retard the movements of the Church. Encompassed about by a great cloud of witnesses, your spirit and work will be held in full survey by the Church above as well as the Church below. Let not then the ark of the Lord be touched by a profane hand or the holy places of our Zion be trodden by sandaled feet. Because the divine compassion has not failed us, we are now present before our God to do his bidding. We gratefully acknowledge his constant favor, his wondrous patience and marvelous love.

Standing as we are upon the threshold of a new century in the history of the world, we must not be unmindful of the wonderful achievements of Methodism in this country during the past century. The Methodist Church in the United States in 1800 had 287 itinerant preachers and 64,894 members, with very little Church property and "only the ashes of one college."

Methodism begins the twentieth century with seventeen bands, or denominations, having an aggregate of nearly 39,000 traveling preachers and 6,000,000 members, representing nearly \$300,000,000 of Church property, including about 60,000 houses of worship, many thousand parsonages, a large number of universities, theological seminaries, colleges, and secondary schools.

Such unprecedented growth and prosperity demand not only our most devout thanksgiving, but the thorough consecration of ourselves and our substance to Him who loved us and gave himself for us, and to whom we look most humbly and reverently for the gracious

guidance of his Spirit that the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts may be acceptable in his sight, who is our strength and our Redeemer.

Since the meeting of the last General Conference the Church has passed through four very eventful years, which furnish some general facts worthy of consideration. Much history has been made during this period, and though the larger part of it is chiefly political and industrial, both of a national and international nature, nevertheless the Church cannot separate its responsibilities, tasks, and opportunities from the political, industrial, and social influences that surround us. It is the mission of the Church to work in these conditions, and to bring out of them the results for which the Church of God was ordained. The great disturbances in the Orient, the movements in South Africa, the successful conflict of the American forces with those of Spain, and the new possessions with their responsibilities which have come to the American government through this conflict, the organization of immense businesses, the marvelous extension of American trade, and the prospect of opening a new line of traffic through a great interoceanic canal, all constitute changes and conditions which not only intensify the Church's obligations, but create new problems to be solved. The missionary problem will be no longer so much of a foreign movement as it will be a domestic necessity. The Orient has begun to move, and every indication is that it will move toward America. With a great ship canal opened, the Orient will be landed on Southern shores, bringing its faiths and spirits, which will severely test Southern institutions and civilization. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is responsible to a large extent for the growth and conservation of righteousness throughout our common country. It will be necessary, therefore, to strengthen every institution of the Church, and prepare for the inevitable assault of this approaching history. To meet it the pulpit must be consecrated and educated, brave and active, strong and self-sacrificing. Colleges must be greatly strengthened, city missionaries must be better equipped, and the faith of the Church made positive and aggressive. In our foreign missionary work there must be advancement. Strong men must be sent to it, larger means must be furnished for it; for it is not a question now of saving paganism only, but it is equally a question of saving Christian America against paganism. While the tasks have increased, we are thankful that the Providence creating them has also protected them with the authority and power of the American government, and there were never before as great reasons for hope and inspiration as at the present time.

We are thankful that, after deductions on account of death and other causes, there has been an increase of 38,085 in the membership of the Church during the past four years. Of this gain 34,618 was made during the past year, 1901. This represents a growth of only five per cent. Greater fidelity in keeping the Church registers will not satisfactorily explain this comparatively small increase. With

6,293 traveling preachers and 4,982 local preachers, with a fairly well organized membership of 1,516,516, supplied with the needed appliances for aggressive work, large results should have been realized. We are, however, not unmindful of the fact that the true strength and glory of a Church are not found in its census table, but rather in the spiritual life and power manifested in saving the lost and carrying the gospel to the ends of the earth.

A reference to the causes of the wonderful success of the early Methodists may be both helpful and suggestive. In the first decades of Methodism the ministry and laity were distinguished by their holy living and unquenchable zeal. Full of faith and the Holy Ghost, the preachers were not influenced by improper motives or unworthy ambitions; but, with few friends and receiving scanty support, they unselfishly and joyously labored in conscious fellowship with their Lord. The fundamental doctrines of the Bible; the fall of man and his recovery through the atonement of a present Saviour; the forgiveness of sin; the witness of the Spirit; the adoption into the family of God, and perfect love, were the themes of their preaching. They were truly itinerant, not waiting on the call of communities or the appropriations of Church Boards, but going into the highways, in sparsely settled rural districts, and in the streets and commons of the towns and cities where there were no church buildings, but where there was opposition and often persecution, they preached the word of life to all classes and conditions of men, and planted the Methodist Church. They were not hindered in their work through a seeming obligation to instruct the people in philosophy and science and all sociological problems as platform lecturers, but they were simple preachers of righteousness, who, "by manifestation of the truth, commended themselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." The pulpit was their throne of power, the word of God their only message, and the Holy Spirit their abiding witness.

We shall greatly rejoice if an analysis of the present state of our Methodism shall reveal that our ministers and people are as earnest and zealous in their work, as exemplary in their lives, as faithful in declaring and practicing the cardinal doctrines of the Bible, and as fully consecrated to our itinerancy in its integrity, as were the fathers, and as our high calling demands. We would not indulge in unpleasant comparisons, for our conditions and complex civilization are very different from those of our predecessors, and yet the 38,085 net gain for our four years' service confronts us and calls for prayerful consideration. We trust that we will not be misunderstood in these suggestive statements. We rejoice that multitudes of our people are truly spiritual, and live as becometh the children of God, keeping themselves unspotted from the world. They are also distinguished by their prompt and generous response to all the claims of their Church. We are thankful that the fruits of the Spirit are manifest among us, and that "the Lord of hosts is with us, and the God of Jacob is our refuge."

PULPIT.

While the general average of the pulpit is much higher than fifty years ago, it is nevertheless true that there is a growing demand for a better equipped ministry than we now have. The large city church has become a great problem, and calls for the highest order of mental equipment as well as Christian character. Our civilization is centering its forces around commerce, and sending its currents out from large cities. Churches with stable pastorates have advantage in building influential city churches, which we cannot any longer ignore. To meet this problem and be coöperative with other Churches, we must bring to this work men of great strength. Your bishops have been greatly embarrassed in their efforts to meet these difficulties, and have frequently been under the necessity of transferring preachers across the continent. It is to be regretted that these efforts, through unfriendly criticisms, have failed to bring to imperiled charges the needed relief, and at the same time the effectiveness of episcopal administration has been seriously impaired.

To better equip the young men called to the ministry of Christ, the presiding elders and pastors who first touch and influence them should persuade them to enter our colleges for the best training, and our colleges should insist on their doing graduate work in our theological seminary. This department of our educational work should be immediately strengthened. There is no reason why it cannot be done, and there are many reasons why it should be done. The chief difficulty is that the Church at large has too little conscience in the matter of the highest training for the ministry; and while no criticism is intended in this strong statement, it is intended directly to point out an evil demanding prompt correction. The correction is with the presiding elders and pastors, and any indifference among preachers and laymen to the development of a great theological school must largely remain with them.

The following recommendation of the Board of Education we trust will receive your patient consideration: "The Board of Education recommends that when an applicant for admission into our traveling connection, or an undergraduate in an Annual Conference, shall present the certificate of one of our universities or colleges approved by the Board, that he has passed a satisfactory examination on any book in our course of study, it shall be accepted in lieu of examination on those books by the Conference committee." This seems to us a just and wholesome provision.

HURTFUL CRITICISM.

During the last decade there has developed a spirit and tendency among us which has made your General Superintendents very solicitous about the peace and integrity of the Church. We would remind you that in civics and theology Methodism rests upon the cardinal doctrine of human freedom, and in the development of American lib-

erty it has been one of its strongest supports. Yet Methodism has never interpreted liberty to mean license or looseness. The tendency of political parties and individuals to deal in harsh and criminating criticisms, both on the hustings and through the newspapers, has manifested itself in the Church, and has done much harm. The Church paper is not the forum in which disputes are to be settled. Church contentions are of so grave a nature as to demand a sanctity and call for reverential dealings. Therefore the polity of our Church has arranged for modest and Christian bodies to adjust these matters in a quiet and sincere manner. No grievance can arise for which there is no worthy provision. No good can ever come of trying a brother in the columns of a Church paper, whether he is a private member of the Church or a connectional officer filling the most responsible place. Only confusion, disorganization, and hatred can come from such procedure, and the time has come when some positive action should be taken to secure the Church against this unfair and ungodly method.

We devoutly pray that the great Head of the Church may lead us into that perfect love which casteth out fear, and to that divine charity which "beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."

The uniformity of public worship is a matter of importance, and the order of service prescribed by our Book of Discipline is admirably adapted to the spirit and purposes of Methodism. It preserves a due proportion of prayer, praise, and the preaching of the word. While Methodism is a preaching faith, it has always emphasized the service of song as a part of the worship of the sanctuary, a joyful means of grace, and not a musical performance. Its hymns in their sentiments and doctrinal statements have ever been a most potent teacher of Methodist doctrine. It will be an unfortunate day for the Methodist Church when the rendition of the best musical selections by professionals or amateurs shall become the chief attraction of the house of God, rather than the word of life from lips touched with a live coal from the altar of the upper sanctuary.

When it was proposed in the General Conference of 1886 to modify our order of service, the Conference refused to give its approval to the proposition. But we have observed in many places that individuals have assumed to do what the General Conference refused to allow. We would not hinder spontaneity in devotion or freedom of worship, but we submit that in our order of service there is ample room for all that can be reasonably desired in this direction, and that all our people have a right to such uniformity as shall enable them to worship in any of our churches, wherever they may be, without embarrassment or confusion. It is hoped that the General Conference will take such action as will preserve this right by arresting unauthorized liberties upon the part of those pastors and congregations that seem inclined to set aside our established order for one of their own creation.

SUPERANNUATES.

We refer, for your most generous consideration, the claims of our superannuated brethren and the widows and orphans of our deceased preachers. These appeal to our sympathies and liberal support as no other class in our communion. Worn out in our service through years of hardship and exacting labors, painfully conscious of their inability to respond to the call of their Lord, these noble men feel keenly their poverty and dependence, as well as their sufferings from a meager support. The lonely widow who has shared with her husband the privations of the itinerancy and helped to lay, amid tears, the foundations upon which we are building, should receive for her sustenance and comfort and for her helpless children more generously of our prosperity. We trust you will be able to inaugurate a plan whereby a fund of at least \$100,000 shall be secured during the quadrennium for the benefit of these precious and deserving ones, the elect of the Church. The world pensions its faithful soldiers. Shall the Church of the Son of God do less?

LOCAL PREACHERS.

The present law of the Church concerning the local preacher produces very often so much friction, and therefore operates so unsatisfactorily, that we would suggest such modifications and changes in the laws as will secure the much-needed relief. Especially does the law work great hardship in the small Home Mission Conferences, where the poverty of the applicants and the great distances and expense of travel are a bar to their presence at the District Conference for examination. The purpose of the legislation whereby the licensing of preachers was carried from the Quarterly to the District Conference was to raise the standard of ministerial qualifications, and this purpose should be maintained. Yet, ought not the Conference which passes upon ministerial character to be the source of ministerial authority? Again, ought not the opportunity for licensing preachers to be afforded oftener than once a year? This whole subject we commend to your attention, expressing the hope that in your wisdom you will devise such legislation as will, while preserving a high standard of ministerial qualifications, unify the laws of the Church affecting the local preacher, and guard against any depletion of the ministry by a too infrequent opportunity for seeking and granting license. We would in this connection draw attention to the fact that in foreign missions the bishops have authority to ordain men at discretion, but not to license them. In fields where we have no District Conference this fact, under the present law, works great inconvenience, and may do much harm.

The local preacher is in no legal or technical sense an assistant preacher. He is an official member, and in his relation to the preacher in charge a helper to do such work and at such time and place as he, the pastor, may direct, and according to his plan. The pastor rarely needs him in the organized work, but in the mission territory that

may be in the bounds of his charge. It was never contemplated by the law of the Church that the local preacher should have a roving commission for exercising the functions of his office in places of his own selection, and beyond the jurisdiction of the body to which he was amenable for his character and work. He is as much under law as the itinerant preacher. We suggest that our law should provide that in whatever charge the local preacher exercises his office, whether for a day or a longer period of time, there he shall be held responsible for his character and conduct; and if he violates any Church law or offends against Christian and ministerial propriety, he shall be answerable to the Quarterly Conference in whose bounds the offense is committed.

CONNECTIONALISM.

We deem it advisable that your attention be directed to a tendency, which seems to be growing in some of the Conferences, to lose sight of the connectional character of our Church. While it has been the general usage among us to appoint the preachers within the bounds of the Conference of which they are members, still it is the genius of our system and the law of our Church that the bishops, as General Superintendents of the Church, make such disposition of the itinerant preachers as in their judgment will best serve the whole Church. The itinerancy of a preacher does not mean his traveling only in one Conference, and that of his own selection, but in any Conference of the Connection, when in the judgment of the appointing power it is needful that he change his mere Conference relation. Your General Superintendents never insist upon the enforcement of this connectional idea except when the exigencies of the work demand it. It is a gratifying fact that our preachers very rarely, if ever, seek a transfer in order that they may be advanced in place and position. Almost invariably the transfer to the most desirable and important charges in the Church originates with the bishops and the charges to be served, and not with the appointee; and we deplore the disposition of some to use offensive epithets when referring to the transferred preacher, as well as the attributing to him of unworthy motives.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The exhibit of the Church Extension Board of its operations during the quadrennium is very encouraging. Possibly no one of our Boards encounters greater difficulties and more trying perplexities in its administration, growing largely out of the fact that its income and the demands upon it for help are so greatly disproportioned. We are all glad to note an increase in its receipts. Its Loan Fund, a very important feature of its work, has been able to save many church buildings imperiled by debt and unwise administration. This fund should steadily and rapidly grow, and we invoke your influence throughout the Connection in behalf of securing bequests and donations to this fund. The administration of the Board is strikingly

conservative, and challenges the inspection of the most critical. In 1886 our Church owned 10,951 church buildings, valued at \$13,835,149. We now have 14,692 church buildings, valued at \$23,153,299; 5,603 of these buildings have been aided by donations and loans from the General and Conference Boards, amounting to \$1,426,287. The amount paid on assessments during the last quadrennium is \$259,815. The amount collected of principal and interest on loans is \$158,494. Loans made during this period amount to \$184,245.

The field for usefulness open to this department of our work is constantly widening. According to the statistics of the Board, there are 3,205 societies without church buildings, while many societies are being formed which call earnestly for help both in the home and foreign field. We must not be satisfied until we have a building for every congregation and a congregation in every community. We must impress upon our people that success in Church work is nowhere possible without a church edifice.

MISSIONS.

The missionary work of the Church is the greatest of all her enterprises and movements. The Church not truly missionary in her spirit, plans, and purposes is radically defective, and not in sympathy with her great Head, and therefore not entitled to be called a part of the Church of Christ. Where there is a living, loving union with the Son of God there will be an intelligent conviction and a missionary conscience in the Church manifested in the regular annual contributions to missions. At this point there has been a decided advance during the quadrennium, the regular collections having increased from \$230,494 in 1898 to \$292,057 in 1902. The increase during the last quadrennium over the preceding one was \$113,159.

We rejoice that our China Mission has taken on new life. By ■ gracious providence the whole of Central China remained undisturbed during the Boxer insurrection, and our workers, both foreign and native, are at their posts and in the midst of a forward movement, which includes the establishment of a large educational enterprise in Soochow and the widening of our evangelistic work until it includes several walled cities and a hitherto unreached population numbering from five to ten millions.

A great revival has recently swept over Japan, quickening especially the centers of student life. In Korea the doors are opening everywhere, and there are no limitations to the possibilities for reaching the people save the smallness of the missionary force.

Brazil stands foremost in growth of membership, in self-support, and in contributions to the Twentieth Century Thank Offering. The transfer to our Board of the Rio Grande do Sul Mission by the authorities of the Methodist Episcopal Church is suggestive of missionary comity and practical federation at other points. The addition of this territory gives increased emphasis to the necessity for building and

equipping Granbery College, our only institution for training native preachers.

In Mexico the building of several churches and the adoption of a policy of self-support, together with the opening of medical work in Monterey and at San Luis Potosi, are the best indications of complete adjustment and of a hopeful and aggressive spirit.

By an understanding between the Boards of the two Churches, the Methodist Episcopal Church entered Porto Rico, and our own was left to the complete occupation of Cuba. This field has been a difficult and expensive one, but the returns are amply justifying the outlay.

With the opening of land in the Indian Territory our Western work has assumed greater importance. An entire district was added last year to the Indian Mission Conference.

It is significant that three out of the seven Conferences paying their apportionment in full were the Montana, the New Mexico, and the Los Angeles. Two others were west of the Mississippi River, the East Texas and the Northwest Texas.

It is a very encouraging fact that our mission churches respond with notable liberality to the Twentieth Century Educational Fund, having pledged \$42,150, with some help from the missionaries, as their thank offering. That is an average of nearly \$4 per member. Nothing has so stirred our missionaries as the heroic self-denial of the native converts, giving, as they have, out of their poverty to the great cause of Christian education. A liberal sum has been contributed in the United States to our mission schools and colleges, but the aggregate is still inadequate to the demand for buildings and equipment in connection with our institutions which are qualifying young men and women for Christian leadership in the mission field.

Missionary societies are being rapidly organized in our Sunday schools, and are already contributing over \$40,000 to missions. This is an indication of what can be done through the children of the Church. The Sunday schools, through the Sunday-school Editor, have pledged \$10,000 toward the endowment of a professorship in the Soochow University. The annual appropriation of some \$2,500 by the Sunday-school Board toward Sunday-school supplies in our mission fields and the creation of a literature has been both generous and wise.

The Epworth League in this connection deserves special recognition for the splendid service rendered the missionary cause. It has enabled the Board, by special contributions, while burdened with its missionary debt, to enter Korea, to maintain its own in China, and to throw its first contingent into Cuba. Since 1895 the Leagues have contributed \$29,000 in "specials." By active coöperation with our presiding elders and pastors invaluable service has been rendered in working out a plan for securing the regular collections in full. The most valuable and permanent contribution perhaps has been the adoption of a systematic study of missions looking to the creation of a missionary conscience among the young people.

The quadrennium has witnessed an extensive growth and circula-

tion of our missionary literature. The *Review of Missions* maintains its high place as an admirable missionary publication, indispensable in the homes of our people, while *Go Forward* has met with a most gratifying reception. "Missionary Issues of the Twentieth Century, or the Proceedings of the New Orleans Conference," has had a large and gratifying sale.

The General Missionary Conference, held April 24-30, 1901, was one of the most remarkable gatherings in the history of the Church. It was largely attended by representative men and women to the number of nine hundred delegates and some eleven hundred visitors. In the breadth of its discussions, in its spiritual uplift, in the liberal contributions to missions, amounting to over \$50,000 in one evening's service, and in the large number of candidates offering for missionary work, some forty-seven, it has surpassed any meeting of the kind we have ever held. Out of the Conference grew a missionary campaign, engaged in by over one hundred presiding elders and a large number of pastors. To this campaign we chiefly owe the number of districts paying their full assessments.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. There should be a decided increase in the missionary apportionment, and that should be the minimum of the offerings of the Church for missions; and to this our people should be urged until one-half million dollars is annually given.

2. Increased emphasis should be put upon bequests. Other Churches have a large annual income from this source, which can be applied to securing property for churches and colleges and their full equipment.

3. Generous provision for the office, that in secretarial staff, clerical force, and general furnishings it may be equal to all demands that may be made upon it.

4. Closer relations between the Annual Conference Boards of Missions and the General Board, together with the holding of mid-year meetings by the Conference Board, which shall insure ample time for the review of the work and the discussion of conditions in domestic fields.

5. A policy for our Western work which looks to specific appropriation by the General Board to specific charges; preachers appointed to such charges to be accepted on a missionary basis, and such provision made as shall look to self-support at the earliest possible date.

6. The establishment of a system of city missions, under the auspices of the General Board. This we submit in view of the growth of our cities and factory populations.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN AND HOME MISSION BOARDS.

The fostering care you have bestowed upon the Woman's Foreign Missionary and the Woman's Home Mission Societies has greatly encouraged and has been exceedingly helpful to them in carrying forward the good work in which they are engaged at home and in for-

eign fields. In the missionary work of the Church they are not in any sense rivals, save in that of provoking each other to love and good works. While in the foreign field the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been a faithful and successful colaborer, and its administration has shown rare skill as well as marked energy in its work, the Woman's Home Mission Society has been equally as distinguished in its devotion to its work and its wise management of the interests committed to its oversight. The work of these societies has developed a power in the Church long latent; and it is impossible to estimate the beneficial results from the ever-increasing activities of so large a number of consecrated Christian women. We commend them to your most kindly consideration, trusting that you will in your legislation do all you can to strengthen and increase their efficiency within their chosen scriptural limitations.

THE SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

The Scarritt Bible and Training School for missionaries and other Christian workers is so well meeting the expectations of its founders and liberal benefactors that, after ten years of faithful work, its enrollment shows over three hundred students as having been in attendance, and nearly one hundred graduates have gone out from its halls.

Twenty-seven states have been represented in its student body. The Woman's Board of Missions now requires that all its missionaries shall have first availed themselves of its training before going to the foreign field, and the Woman's Home Mission Board is arranging to be represented in its faculty by a capable teacher, who is equipped for giving instruction in the best methods of city missionary work. We commend this worthy institution to the wise liberality of all interested in the work of women in the Christianization of the world. A bequest of \$1,000, left to one of the College of Bishops in trust, to be used for the conversion and education of women in missionary lands, we have recommended to be added to the endowment of the Training School as best serving the design of the testator.

DEACONESSSES.

There will be before you memorials from the Woman's Foreign Missionary and Woman's Home Mission Societies, as well as from several of the Annual Conferences, asking that the order or office of deaconess be created in the Church. It is not surprising that there are a goodly number of devout women among us who are ready, at the call of the Church, to separate themselves from the world, and give themselves wholly to such work as the authorities may indicate; and, being trained, they may be able to do their work most effectually, free from any ordination vow, and therefore ready to retire whenever the providential indications so direct.

This we regard as a very grave matter, and it should receive your most careful and prayerful consideration, so that whatever action you may take it may be taken in the fear of God, whose interests you

represent, and to whom you are responsible for the advancement of his Church in the earth. No more delicate and difficult problem will be before you for solution. May you have that wisdom which is profitable to direct, controlled by "the spirit of love, and of power, and of a sound mind."

THE BARNES HOSPITAL.

The interest from the bequest of a million dollars by the late Mr. Robert A. Barnes, of St. Louis, for the founding and maintenance of a hospital under the auspices of our Church, is now nearly sufficient to secure the necessary plant without infringing on the endowment. The grounds, building, and equipment, which will far exceed in cost the \$100,000 originally provided by the will of the testator for that purpose, will give great satisfaction and justify the delay of the trustees until they had sufficient funds to secure a plant that would comport with so large an endowment.

CONFERENCES.

We deem it proper to call your attention to the Conferences in the Northwest, the Southwest, and on the Pacific Slope, which are aided by your Mission and Church Extension Boards. Amid numerous difficulties and embarrassments, unexperienced in our older and larger Conferences, these small Conferences have carried forward their work, building churches, parsonages, and founding schools, while some of them pay their full mission assessments and a large *per capita* for all the claims of the Church. Their heroism and fidelity are worthy of the best days of Methodism, and deserve most honorable mention. There should be larger appropriations to some parts of this territory. We must strengthen ourselves in the cities and growing towns. The rural districts, save in exceptional cases, can provide support for themselves when served by competent and consecrated men, but to maintain a growing occupancy of the cities it is imperative that large help be given by our Board.

The wisdom of multiplying small Conferences is very questionable. We are not unmindful of the reasons urged for such a policy, and yet, after personal survey of the field and a careful study of conditions in these Conferences, we regard it as needful that you freely and fully consider the advisability of lessening their number. We would suggest the union of the Pacific and Los Angeles Conferences, or the transfer of the Los Angeles District of the latter Conference to the Pacific, and the transfer of the Phoenix District of the Los Angeles Conference to the New Mexico Conference. The union or consolidation of some of our Northwestern Conferences might be very advantageous to their interests.

The *Pacific Methodist Advocate* has been most wisely and helpfully managed in the advancement of our cause in the important field it serves. We advise the continuance of a generous appropriation for the maintenance of this valuable paper in the development of our work.

There is in this territory a large Chinese and Japanese population accessible to our preachers and people, offering a fine field to missionary workers, and promising great fruitfulness. There are already a few good women doing excellent work among these people, notably in Los Angeles, and these patient, faithful women should receive help and encouragement from the Church. We commend this through you to our Boards of Missions, Church Extension, and Education.

ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

The third Methodist Ecumenical Conference met in the city of London September 4, 1901. Our Church was represented by about sixty delegates, ministers and laymen, including three of her bishops. To our Church was accorded the distinguished honor of having one of her bishops, Bishop Charles B. Galloway, assigned to the high duty of preaching the opening sermon of the Conference. As the representatives of the Church, we are thankful for his wise, well-chosen words, so in harmony with the utterances of the fathers of Methodism and so appropriate to the occasion and the place.

Such decadal Methodist Conferences may have a distinct influence on the thought and life of Methodism. We can hope that they will unify our common Methodism in a loving spirit and purpose of spreading scriptural holiness throughout all parts of the world, and thus fulfill the high claim of Mr. Wesley: "The world is my parish."

EDUCATION.

During the quadrennium there has been a very noticeable improvement in our schools and colleges under the direction of the Board of Education and the Educational Commission. Some of the substantial and gratifying results are the steady increase of patronage from 7,315 students to 18,517; the erection of new buildings; the lifting of depressing mortgages; the payment of annoying debts; and the increase of endowment funds. We commend to your consideration the admirable Seventh Annual Report of the Board of Education.

For more than half a century our Church has expended much money and energy on educational enterprises. Many of our efforts and expenditures have been unwise and even wasteful. This waste has been the result of local rather than central control. Our educational work has been left to the direction of each Conference, and the ideals, standards, and plans have varied widely in the Conferences, while some Conferences have even developed contentions in matters of education, which have wrought damage and hurt to Conference sympathies, unity, and strength.

The value of our schools and colleges, their true worth, is not found in their numbers, their costly equipments, their thoroughly prepared teachers, their number of students, and their large incomes, but in the quality and character of the men and women sent out as educated Christians to bless the Church and save society. It will be fatal to our schools when they have to apologize for their Methodism in order

to obtain patronage; when the faculties regard scholastic attainments, and not Christian culture, the chief thing for which they are responsible; and when the personal salvation of students, their conversion and growth, are made secondary. If these things are ever true, we should not be surprised if our people who love their Church refuse to commit their children to the care and oversight of such schools, and if they should also withhold the funds greatly needed for the endowment of our colleges.

We must insist before our people that there is a clear and distinct reason for the Church engaging in higher education other than may be claimed for and by State colleges. Unless our people have faith in a distinctive Christian education, they will show a vexing liberty of conscience in patronizing all kinds of colleges. If the State can and will do what we think the Church can only do in this work, and if the only difference between Church and State education is one of buildings and grounds, libraries and laboratories, and the accidental strength of teachers, then we should retire from this work, for the odds are against us, and we are fighting a losing battle. There is an issue of eternal consequence in this rivalry, and the truth is on the side of the Church, and that truth demands statement and enforcement.

The report of your Board of Education shows that there are one hundred and two secondary schools owned by the Church, while some nine others are under the patronage of the Church. Many of the schools were formerly ranked as colleges, but since the action of the Commission of Education appointed at the last General Conference, they have been classified as secondary. While a number of these schools, called and chartered as colleges, have done and are doing good and honest work within certain limitations, yet they have been unwisely multiplied. We would submit several reasons why such multiplication is not advisable. First: Secondary education does not involve those lines of study which jeopardize faith. Second: The number of students entering our colleges from these schools does not warrant investment in them as feeders of the Church college. Third: The rapid growth of the public graded schools is crippling the individual secondary school, and lessening its opportunities, thus putting in peril our investments in that kind of educational work. Fourth: A number of secondary schools in an Annual Conference tends to create educational friction, growing in some instances into contentions and antagonisms. Fifth: Experience has taught us that we have possibly lost more of these schools than we have saved.

It would therefore seem wiser for the Church to establish preparatory or fitting schools, and also to coöperate in the development of educational sentiment and local high schools by securing Christian teachers and directors for such schools, that their influence may always make for righteousness.

The patronage of our colleges comes more largely from the preparatory and the high school than from the secondary school, owned

and operated by the Church, while they do not entail upon the Church financial burdens. This policy will put the influences of the Church in direct relation to all the educational work in which our people may be directly or indirectly interested, for we must not overlook the fact that Methodists are taxpayers as well as Church members, and therefore they have a duty to the community as well as to the Church.

COLLEGES.

There are seventeen colleges belonging to the Church. Of this number five own less than \$100,000 worth of property in grounds and buildings, while two own property valued at more than \$200,000, and one property valued at more than \$300,000. In scientific and library equipments the statistics show a great lack. The total endowment of these seventeen colleges amounts to \$1,374,884, making an average of less than \$100,000 endowment to each college. It is therefore very evident that the chief difficulty in our educational operations is a lack of money. Methodism has been a great economic as well as spiritual power, teaching men habits of industry and economy which have brought us great wealth, and poverty cannot explain a financial deficiency in the endowments and equipments of our institutions of learning. Methodism must learn how to control wealth, for the gospel has a mission to wealth as well as to poverty, and an inability to influence the right use of wealth is a sign of weakness in spiritual power. With a well-organized system in which there is to be no waste of means, with institutions directed toward definite aims and kept in positive relations to all problems of our civilization, trying to build that which is approved in society, in government, in industry, and in character, there is no reason why our colleges should not command large benefactions, and in due time be able to command a sufficient number of men of high order, and secure all necessary equipments for doing the best class of college training.

Aside from these institutional needs, there is a serious need of educational sentiment among our people. Too many Methodists are indifferent to the education of their sons and daughters. It is a part at least of our mission to save from the evils of ignorance as well as from the sins of drunkenness and profanity. The education of the child should be with every parent a matter of conscientious duty. We must educate all of our people in the duty of educating their children. This is certainly a supreme mission and opportunity of the Church. Pastors are directly related to this problem, and the pastor's ministry that does not create a desire for knowledge can scarcely create the desire for higher things in our religion. There is an unfortunate indifference among too many of our preachers to this problem, while careless statements frequently made from the pulpit are positively in the interests of ignorance. The fact that a man may have faith in Christ without an education may be true, yet it is equally true that with an education he will have a more intelligent and therefore a stronger faith. It is not only a humiliating fact, but a

dangerous one, that an apology of an uneducated ministry for itself must be largely a defense of ignorance.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

We have only one university, the Vanderbilt, which, with its buildings and grounds, valued at \$600,000, and its scientific equipment valued at \$150,000, and an endowment of \$1,250,000, is a worthy monument to its founder and benefactors.

It stands at the head of our educational system, and should always be the object of our profoundest concern. By the action of our last General Conference the university was brought into direct relation with the whole Church, and therefore it has the right to expect the support and friendly interest of all our people, and above all to receive from them the means needed for future growth and usefulness.

The reports for the last quadrennium show the most satisfactory progress. The celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the university was a most notable occasion, proving the high esteem in which it is held by the educational world. To maintain its high rank and keep in the forefront, its present endowment is manifestly insufficient. The fact should be noted that there is a considerable loss in income from the existing endowment through declining rates of interest. It should be mentioned that while gifts have come from our Church membership and friends to relieve the pressing needs during the past four years, the main help came from the family of the founder of the university.

Eight years ago the General Conference urged the need of a special endowment of \$300,000 for the Biblical Department, our only theological seminary. Four years after, more definite means of accomplishing the same end were provided in the educational movement then set on foot. It is with regret and not without humiliation that we regard the unsuccessful issue of that movement so far as the university is concerned. A generous layman of Missouri sought to assist in this work by promising \$50,000 conditioned on contributions from other sources amounting to \$100,000. This proposition is still before the Church, and \$50,000 is still needed to meet this princely offer. For the sake of Methodism, its history and achievements, and for the sake of our educational advancement, this amount should be speedily provided. Our faith in the sublime mission of the Church we represent commits us to a greater fidelity and liberality in prosecuting most vigorously wisely devised plans for the development of our only university.

While we would not be unmindful of our obligations for any gift, however small, to any of our schools and colleges, yet we regard it as eminently proper that special note should be made of the large offerings brought to our altars for the cause of Christian education in the states of North Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, and Missouri.

The pressing necessity for schools of high grade, preparatory schools in our Western work, should be recognized, and provision

made for supplying this need. To this we call the attention of your Board of Education, hoping it may provide the funds required for the establishment of schools in this important field.

We make grateful reference to the generous gift of Mrs. E. W. Cole to the Vanderbilt University of \$5,000, the amount being intended to increase the endowment of the Cole lectureship to \$10,000, thus making it possible hereafter to have the lectures delivered annually instead of biennially.

PAINE AND LANE INSTITUTES.

We are thankful that we can report a healthy development of the educational work carried on jointly by our Church and the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America, as represented in those two excellent institutions, the Paine Institute located at Augusta, Ga., and the Lane College at Jackson, Tenn. We feel assured that these two schools are doing all that could be reasonably expected of them in their financial limitations.

As the result of Bishop Lane's earnest efforts and untiring zeal, the main college building of Lane College has been completed, and is now occupied. The reports furnished us of the work and discipline of this institution inspire confidence in the wisdom of its management. While our Church has no property interest in Lane College, and is not represented on its Board of Trustees, yet we provide for the salary of its president, who is one of our itinerant preachers, and give to it our sympathy, support, and fostering care. It represents distinctively what the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church is doing in higher education for its people.

One hundred and fifty-eight have graduated from the Paine Institute since its formal opening in 1884. Not a few of the graduates have been called to fill some of the most responsible places in the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, and as ministers of the gospel and school-teachers have ministered savingly to the spiritual, intellectual, and social life of their people.

The present enrollment is two hundred and fifty, and the average age of the students is eighteen. Fifty young men are now preparing for the ministry. This is the only definite work we are doing for the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, organized by us a few decades ago. As this Church expands and grows there is an ever-enlarging need for educational work to be done for it by our Church. It should not be overlooked that this Church is not asking us to do this work for it, but while seeking our help is resolutely and with much sacrifice contributing of its means to advance the education of its youth, for while the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, contributed last year to Paine Institute \$6,180.92 (an amount far too small), the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church gave to Paine Institute alone \$4,110.

We would make special mention of the admirable administration of President Walker of the Paine Institute. Amid many depressing and discouraging conditions he has, by his wisdom and prudence, his consecration and intelligent zeal, accomplished a great work for our

brethren of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. We invoke for him and his collaborators the hearty sympathy and cordial support of this Conference and those you represent.

We are encouraged by the fact that the Woman's Home Mission Society is at work in behalf of the industrial education of the girls of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. If the opportunity of doing good for those who are of the household of faith lays upon us any obligation, this new enterprise of the women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, demands our attention, approval, and support.

PUBLISHING HOUSE.

We are thankful that our Publishing House continues to enjoy prosperity and enlargement. The sales of the House during the quadrennium have amounted to nearly \$1,500,000, an increase in business over the preceding four years of about \$186,000. The increase in the circulation of our periodicals will be about 77,800. The report of the Book Committee and Book Agents will give you in detail what has been accomplished by this most valuable institution of the Church.

A large number of excellent books have been issued under the admirable supervision of the Book Editor, Rev. Jno. J. Tigert, D.D., which is a gratifying indication of the growth of authorship among our thoughtful and scholarly ministers and laymen.

In this connection we commend most cordially the *Methodist Review* (bimonthly), a worthy exponent of the theological and philosophical progress of the day, which none of our preachers can afford to neglect, while its articles of general literary and scientific interest are of value, and deserve the attention of our cultivated laity.

The *Christian Advocate*, the organ of the General Conference and the whole Church, so ably edited by Rev. E. E. Hoss, D.D., merits a like commendation. It should be in all the homes of our people. As an intelligent advocate of Methodist doctrine and polity, and wise and conservative in its spirit and utterances, it should have a place in all the homes of our people.

Notwithstanding the great activity of the Publishing House, we regret that very little Church literature is read by many of our members, and therefore large numbers of our youth are without the proper knowledge of the history, polity, and doctrines of the Church. For this lack of Methodist publications in the homes of our people their pastors are responsible, for it is made their duty "to see that all the people within the bounds of their charges are duly supplied with our books and periodicals."

Since the last General Conference your Book Committee have opened a branch house at Dallas, Tex. The location is an admirable distributing point for our publications, and the outlook is very encouraging for a remunerative trade, helpful not only to our rapidly growing work in the Southwest, but to the whole Church through the increased business of your Publishing House.

Authorized by the action of the General Conference in 1898, the

Book Committee employed Rev. R. P. Wilson, D.D., a member of the Pacific Annual Conference, to establish and conduct a Publishing House in Shanghai, China. In the autumn of 1901 Dr. Wilson, accompanied by the Junior Book Agent, Mr. D. M. Smith, went to Shanghai and employed an architect to design the buildings and to arrange other details of the enterprise. Since that time the contracts for the erection of the buildings have been let, and the contractors are pledged to finish their work by next July.

The Church has been disquieted by controversy concerning the methods employed in the collection of what is known as the "Publishing House War Claim." The relation of the bishops to the questions therein involved began with the meeting of the College of Bishops in the city of Nashville, Tenn., on July 4, 1898. The action then taken by the bishops was as follows: "While reaffirming the justice of our claim, payment for which has been sought for twenty-five years, we insist that the Church cannot afford to accept it as a gratuity, or on conditions that reflect on its honor. Inasmuch, therefore, as some senators have affirmed on the floor of the Senate that they were induced to support the claim by misleading statements on the part of the representatives of the Church—statements, however, which did not affect the merits of our claim—we hereby give this assurance: That if the Senate by affirmative action declares that the passage of the bill was due to such misleading statements, we will take the proper steps to have the entire amount returned to the government."

This action of the bishops was formally and officially forwarded by their Secretary to the President of the Senate to be laid before that honorable body.

On May 5, 1899, your bishops took the following action: "In considering what action should be taken by the College of Bishops following the action of the United States Senate on our communication to that body respecting our unwillingness for the Church, under conditions reflecting on our honor, to receive the payment of even so just a claim as the claim of our Publishing House, which had been pending for over twenty-five years, we make the following statement: We find that the Senate after full investigation exonerated the Church from all censure, and we transfer to our record that official action, namely: 'Resolved, that the report of the committee made July 8, 1898, be approved, and that no censure should rest upon the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the misstatements and concealments of the Book Agents in connection with the passage of the bill for the payment of the claim referred to in the letter of the bishops now under consideration; that the injury resulting therefrom affected only the beneficiaries of the fund and not the United States, and the Senate should take no further action in the matter.' The Senate having thus declared that the United States sustained no injury in the passage of the bill, and declined to take any further action in the matter, we have no occasion to make further communication to that body. As

to the proper administration of the Book Agents and connexional officers, the law had specifically charged the Book Committee with that responsibility. We deplore any language used by the Book Agents that has been the occasion of deep humiliation and action among the ministers and laymen of our beloved Church. We sympathize with their jealous concern for the good name of the Church, believing as we do that even a just claim of the Church should be maintained only by methods perfectly candid and righteous.

"We have given much consideration to the communications sent to us under a misapprehension as to our authority. The bishops have not had membership in the Book Committee since 1873, and that body is solely responsible to the General Conference. We recognize the distinguished courtesy of the United States Senate in its dealings with the Church and its desire to protect the beneficiaries of the claim."

That your bishops correctly interpreted the action of the United States Senate, we have the personal and authoritative assurance of a large majority of the senators.

We call your attention to this whole matter, expressing the hope that you will take such action as will, without injustice to any parties, remove all cause of dissatisfaction and all possible occasion of offense or reproach.

TWENTIETH CENTURY THANK OFFERING.

At the last General Conference it was determined to make a canvass throughout the Connection under the direction of the Board of Education for the purpose of raising \$1,500,000 for the support of the educational work of the Church. We are advised by the Board of Education that to date \$2,031,948.17 has been secured in cash and subscriptions; \$1,411,511.86 has been paid. We greatly regret that there have been very few gifts in large individual sums. We trust, and it is very important, that every subscription will be speedily paid. It is a great disappointment that the educational interests in our foreign mission field will realize very little from this thank offering. It is very unfortunate that so large a part of the gifts were specifically directed by the givers, and generally to local institutions, and many of them secondary schools. While we would not indulge in any unkind criticism of even one of our brethren of the ministry, this fact should be stated: that of the five thousand five hundred and twenty-one brethren in charge of congregations, less than one thousand gave any satisfactory evidence of having made an earnest, persistent effort for a universal thank offering in the interest of Christian education. For interesting facts and suggestive statements we refer you to the Seventh Annual Report of the Board of Education.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

You will give special attention to the needs and methods of the Sunday-school Department, which will come before you through the

proper channels, for there is no interest more vital to the welfare of the Church than the literature for the young. We are thankful for the increase since the last quadrennial report to the General Conference in teachers and scholars, and we feel assured that the increase would appear larger if there had been a wise and careful census plan used systematically by all the schools. The increase in the circulation of literature is upward of one hundred thousand, and this notwithstanding the fact that we entered upon the last quadrennium with a larger circulation than we had Sunday-school population.

There are two items concerning which, in our judgment, the General Conference should take special action:

1. A uniform system of reporting Sunday-school attendance, which will give the whole number enrolled through the year. There is no other way to secure historical accuracy in answering the question the minutes contain on this subject.

2. The universal adoption and use of the plan proposed by your Sunday-school Board for the qualification of teachers and advanced Bible students for doing rightly the work of Sunday-school teachers. The plan of the Board required a skillful and wisely trained hand for such work. We congratulate the Board on securing Dr. H. M. Hamill, for many years Field Secretary of the International Sunday-school Convention, to take charge of this work; he is now employed as the general superintendent of training work.

Methodism has always emphasized its psalmody. The almost inspired hymns of John and Charles Wesley, their spiritual songs, have won many from a life of sin, and quickened, strengthened, and established many in their Methodist faith. And yet to-day in many of our Sunday schools, and not a few of our congregations, instead of our admirable Hymn Book and our Young People's Hymnal, Nos. 1 and 2, prepared by our Sunday-school Editor—and there are none better in the land—we find too often a foreign psalmody, hymn and tune books of all kinds and grades, not at all adapted to convey Christian sentiment and strengthen Christian purpose.

Must not our pastors and our leaders of the laity be held responsible for not cultivating and developing a high poetical and musical taste in the song service of school and Church, which will minister to higher Christian character?

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Epworth League we regard as one of the most effective means of dealing directly with the young life of the Church at the three vital points of its spiritual, social, and literary susceptibilities. How fully it has vindicated this claim it is difficult to show; for, unfortunately, there is no provision made in our general statistical tables for exhibiting the net results of League work. An increasing spirituality is noticeable among our young people whenever a serious effort has been made to introduce and realize League ideals. Thousands of young men and women have, through its tutelage, been led into active

service and testimony. Works of charity and social ministries by our youth have been promoted and increased, and it is doubtless true that the recent remarkable activity in missionary study and liberality received its first inspiration from the intelligent and zealous efforts of the Epworth League. This deserved distinction has been recognized by the leaders in our missionary movements. Twenty-nine thousand dollars have been raised by the Leagues in "Missionary Specials," enabling the Board to enter both Korea and Cuba as missionary fields. The increase in missionary collections during the past two years is due in part to the work of the League.

In its social ministry the League has created in the Church a fraternity which supplies its young people with those means of fellowship and diversion that their natures demand, with a guarantee against the hurtfulness of the outside world where these things must otherwise be sought. This consideration alone is a sufficient justification of the League's existence and of the expenditure of money in its maintenance.

In its literary work the League has been particularly successful. A yearly course of reading, consisting of four volumes, carefully selected with a view to covering a large and profitable field of literature, has been provided. Thus many thousands of volumes are being circulated and large numbers of our youth are kept in systematic reading.

Where it has had the faithful care of pastors, the League has doubtless grown into a school of earnest spirituality, and has given itself to the increase of the Church's evangelistic power. In the hands of pastors who know its value, its possibilities are almost boundless.

The *Epworth Era*, the League organ, has gained and maintains a good circulation—now about eleven thousand copies; but the low price at which it is published returns a revenue only sufficient to meet the cost of its mechanical production. New Leagues are being constantly organized, and the work is more and more becoming an appreciable force in the growth of spiritual life and activity in the Church.

FEDERATION.

It will be remembered that the General Conference of 1898 ratified in full the action of the Joint Commission on Federation and provided for carrying into execution the various agreements that had been reached. When the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in 1900, it modified these agreements at one important point, but accepted all the rest. Here the matter of Federation stood till a few weeks ago. A meeting of the Joint Commissioners was held in Baltimore, March 21, 22, 1902. After a most brotherly conference the Commissioners from the Methodist Episcopal Church expressed their sincere regret that the original plan had not been adopted without alteration by their General Conference, and agreed to report it a second time with an urgent recommendation that it be passed. The Joint Commission also, in the exercise of the

authority bestowed upon it, advised that the bishops of the two Churches proceed to appoint the committees to prepare the common hymn book, common order of worship, and common catechism for the two Churches. As all the steps were authorized by our last General Conference, it is not necessary, we think, that any further action should now be taken in the premises, except that the Commission should be continued for another four years.

BISHOPS.

We, your General Superintendents, are profoundly grateful to the great Head of the Church that we have been able to meet all of the Annual Conferences during the past four years. It is our judgment that with the addition of two men, such as you may elect, we will be able to render all the episcopal service required during the next quadrennium.

And now, brethren, we commend you to God and the word of his grace, trusting that all your deliberations may be conducted as in the immediate presence of the Holy Spirit, whose support and guidance we invoke, praying that you may be made strong for your great work, to the end that the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ may be glorified and his kingdom established in all the earth.

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APPENDIX.

UNITED STATES SENATE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5, 1902.

Dear Bishop Candler: Replying to your recent letter wherein you request us to give our opinion relative to the course which should be pursued by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in regard to the money which was paid, under the Act of Congress, "For the Relief of the Book Agents of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," approved March 11, 1898, we beg to say:

We understand the inquiry to be whether, in our opinion, the Church is under any obligation to tender the repayment to the government of the United States of the amount which was paid to the representatives of the Church under that act. We have no hesitation in saying that, in our opinion, there is no such obligation, and that such tender of repayment is not required by any con-

sideration of propriety. We use the term, "repayment to the government of the United States," advisedly, because there is no way in which the money can be paid to the Senate of the United States, as has been said by some persons. It was not received from the Senate of the United States, nor can it be returned to the Senate. If returned at all, it must be to the Treasury of the United States, and when so returned it could never again be paid out except pursuant to an act of Congress appropriating the same.

As is known to you, we were each of us members of the Senate in 1898, at the time of the passage of the bill appropriating this money. From our personal familiarity with what occurred, and from the subsequent investigation made by the Senate and the resolution which was adopted by the Senate as the result of such investigation, we reach the conclusion above stated, that the Church is not under obligation, either of necessity or of propriety, to return the money paid under said act. From our personal knowledge of what occurred at the time of the consideration and the passage of the bill, we are enabled to say that no senator who voted in favor of the bill thereafter expressed dissatisfaction because of any act by the Church in securing its passage, or because of any regret on his part that the Church had received the portion of the money which was left after the payment of the commission which was complained of. The dissatisfaction which found expression, when the fact of the payment of the large commission became known, was not because the Church had received a part of the money, but because it had not received all of the money. There were expressions by senators to the effect that, if they had known of the contract for the payment of the large commission, they would not have voted for the bill. By this they simply meant that they would have required the bill to be so amended as to secure to the Church the entire amount appropriated, excepting only such an amount as they would consider to be a proper fee for services rendered. This statement of our personal recollection is entirely borne out by the report of the committee of the Senate, made after full examination, and unanimously approved by the Senate in the adoption of the resolution which was subsequently recommended by the committee, and which is hereinafter quoted. Without setting out in full this report, with which you are familiar, we quote the following from the same, clearly expressive of this view on the part of the Senate. On pages 3 and 4 of the report, No. 1416, Fifty-fifth Congress, second session, will be found the following quotations:

"If those denials of the existence of a contract had not been made to the Senate from a source which was entitled to entire credit, the bill would not have been passed by the Senate, unless it had been so amended as to protect the beneficiaries from what many senators regard as a waste and improper use of the fund by the payment of an excessive and unreasonable fee. Such an amendment was within the power of the Senate, and one would have been adopted in the

nature of a condition that the United States would recognize and pay this claim, provided that the fruits of it were actually to go to the beneficiaries of the fund that had suffered by the taking of the property by the United States during the war.

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"The committee do not agree with the contention that the Senate had no right to inquire into the subject of compensation for the services rendered by their attorney to the Book Agents. The Senate was passing upon the question of a claim against the United States made by trustees, not for their personal use, but for the benefit of certain beneficiaries, and there was the same jurisdiction and right to protect the beneficiaries from excessive charges and extortion that is constantly exercised by the courts of the land when cases are being tried which affect the estates of infants and trust funds.

"If there was any mistake or omission on the part of the Senate, it was in failing to protect the beneficiaries against the Book Agents, Messrs. Barbee and Smith, whose duty it was to guard their interests, and this would have been done if information that properly belonged to them had not been withheld.

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"In conclusion, the committee deem it proper to state that no censure should rest upon the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the acts of its Book Agents. The Church has been injured by the misconduct of its agents, but for such misconduct it is held entirely blameless."

If the question rested solely upon these individual expressions by senators, and upon this report of the committee adopted by the Senate, we submit that the conclusion reached by us would be amply justified. But, in truth, the Church by its action has placed itself upon a much higher plane than if it rested here.

When the facts connected with the payment of the large commission were made public, and criticisms found expression, both on the floor of the Senate and elsewhere, relative to certain occurrences at the time of the passage of the bill, the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, sensitive to the honor of their Church, addressed to the Vice President, as the presiding officer of the Senate, the following letter, which was, upon receipt, laid before the Senate:

"WEST NASHVILLE, TENN., August 26, 1898.

"*My Dear Sir:* At a meeting of the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held in Nashville, Tenn., July 4, 1898, with reference to the war claim recently granted by the government to the Church they represent, the following action was taken by them, of which it is made my duty to give you, as President of the Senate of the United States, official notice for presentation to that honorable body:

"While reaffirming the justness of our claim, payment of which has been sought for twenty-five years, we insist that the Church cannot afford to accept it as a gratuity, or on conditions that reflect upon its honor. Inasmuch, therefore, as some senators have affirmed on the floor of the Senate that they were induced to support the claim by misleading statements on the part of the representatives of the Church—statements, however, which did not affect the merits of our claim—we hereby give this assurance: That if the Senate, by affirmative action, declares that the passage of the bill was due to such misleading statements, we will take the proper steps to have the entire amount returned to the government."

"ROBERT K. HARGROVE,
"Secretary of the College of Bishops."

This letter was referred by the Senate to the Committee on Claims, which committee had made the investigation and report from which extracts have been hereinbefore quoted. That committee, after a full consideration of the same, in connection with the investigation previously made, reported on the 9th of January, 1899, the following resolution to the Senate:

"Resolved, That the report of the committee made July 8, 1898, be approved, and that no censure should rest upon the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the misstatements and concealments of the Book Agents in connection with the passage of the bill for the payment of the claim referred to in the letter of the bishops now under consideration; that the injury resulting therefrom affected only the beneficiaries of the fund and not the United States, and the Senate should take no further action in the matter."

After this resolution had been upon the calendar of the Senate for nearly six weeks, it was, on the 21st of February, formally called up for action, and was on that date adopted by the Senate, *nomine dissistente*.

The simple statement of this history of the case would seem to leave no room for question of obligation devolving further duty upon the Church in connection therewith. The letter of the bishops, above quoted, was practically an offer to repay the money to the government so far as it could be made through the Senate of the United States. The resolution adopted by the Senate was a distinct reply to that offer, declining to recognize the propriety of the repayment by the Church of this money to the government. In view of this record, we are unable to see upon what ground there can be based the contention that the Church should make a second offer, and invoke a second refusal from the government, or any department thereof. The report of the committee and the resolution, both adopted by the Senate, in explicit terms exonerate the Church from all blame or ground of criticism for anything which occurred in connection with the passage of the bill, and is a clear expression of opinion that there

is no obligation on the part of the Church to repay the money to the government, or to make further offer to do so.

With sincere regards, we remain, very truly yours,

A. O. BACON,

A. S. CLAY.

Rev. Warren A. Candler, D.D., Bishop Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Atlanta, Ga.

We concur in the above.

F. M. COCKRELL,
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OF THE

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HELD IN DALLAS, TEX., MAY 7-26, 1902.

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1902.

**MAY 7.
FIRST DAY.**

THE Fourteenth General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South (being the twenty-ninth General Conference since the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America in 1784), assembled in Dallas, Tex., at 9 A.M., Wednesday, May 7, 1902.

Opening.

The following Bishops were present: Alpheus W. Wilson, John C. Granbery, Robert K. Hargrove, William W. Duncan, Charles B. Galloway, Eugene R. Hendrix, Joseph S. Key, Warren A. Candler, and Henry C. Morrison.

Bishops
present.

Bishop Wilson, the senior active Bishop of the Church, took the chair, and opened the session by announcing Hymn 221,

Bishop
Wilson
presides.

Draw near, O Son of God, draw near,
Us with thy flaming eyes behold.

After the singing of the hymn, Bishop Hargrove led the Conference in prayer.

Devotional
exercises.

Bishop Hendrix read Psalm xcix.

Bishop Candler read Ephesians i.

Bishop Morrison announced Hymn 191,

O Spirit of the living God,
In all the fullness of thy grace.

After the singing of this hymn, Anson West, of the North Alabama Conference, led in prayer.

Bishop Wilson requested Jno. J. Tigert, the Secre-

Roll call.

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tary of the last General Conference, to call the roll of the members of the present session.

**Certificates
of dele-
gates.**

Before calling the roll, Jno. J. Tigert announced that the roll had been made up from the official certificates of election of clerical and lay delegates, as forwarded to him by the Secretaries of the several Annual Conferences, which were in hand for the verification of the roll and would be filed with the papers of the General Conference.

**Members
present.**

The following members answered to their names:

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: F. S. H. Johnston, S. Anderson. *Lay*: E. H. Stevenson, W. W. Martin.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: Collins Denny, Peter H. Whisner, Henry P. Hamill, John A. Anderson, John S. Hutchinson. *Lay*: M. Lauck Walton, Arthur B. Pugh, Tipton T. Fishburne, A. Elias Hudlestun, Charles E. Muller.

BRAZIL MISSION CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: J. W. Tarboux.

CENTRAL MEXICO MISSION CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: J. W. Grimes.

CHINA MISSION CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: C. F. Reid. *Lay*: W. H. Park.

COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: H. S. Shangle. *Lay*: J. A. McGhee.

DENVER CONFERENCE. — *Clerical*: W. H. Howard. *Lay*: E. A. Strange.

EAST COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: G. H. Gibbs.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: A. J. Weeks, V. A. Godbey. *Lay*: D. H. Abernathy, T. S. Garrison.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: R. H. Barnett.

GERMAN MISSION CONFERENCE. — *Lay*: Henry C. Grote.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: E. E. Hoss, R. G. Waterhouse. *Lay*: J. W. Hicks, J. L. Jarman.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: Robert Paine Howell. *Lay*: J. B. Clark.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE. — *Clerical*: J. M. Gross, S. G. Thompson, T. F. Brewer, C. F. Roberts.

Lay: N. B. Ainsworth, John F. Quillien, J. M. Doss, N. R. Tisdale.

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JAPAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: S. H. Wainright.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: Julius E. Wright, A. Redd, W. E. Arnold. *Lay*: H. C. Morrison.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: J. E. Godbey, T. D. Scott, T. H. Ware. *Lay*: J. H. McCollum, J. D. Clary.

LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: J. F. G. Finley. *Lay*: M. L. Montgomery.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: John T. Sawyer, Samuel S. Keener. *Lay*: S. B. McCutchen, W. B. Thompson.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: Gross Alexander, Jno. J. Tigert, Joseph S. Chandler. *Lay*: Wilbur F. Barclay, J. R. Hindman, Lucius P. Little.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: R. H. Mahon, H. B. Johnston, A. J. Meaders, S. L. Jewell. *Lay*: J. R. Pepper, J. Y. Barbee, C. W. Morrison, T. B. King.

MEXICAN BORDER MISSION CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: G. B. Winton.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: A. F. Watkins, W. C. Black, T. L. Mellen. *Lay*: W. M. Thornton, L. P. Brown.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: J. H. Pritchett, Fielding Marvin, W. F. McMurry, W. A. Hanna, John Anderson. *Lay*: B. J. Casteel, Perry S. Rader, Thomas Shackelford, E. B. Craighead.

MONTANA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: R. B. Swift.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: T. L. Lallance. *Lay*: John H. Harper.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: Joseph T. Morris, Anson West, John S. Robertson. *Lay*: T. C. Banks, Nathan M. Rowe, Thomas Bradford, A. C. Miller, William E. Wier.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: John C. Kilgo, T. N. Ivey, J. T. Gibbs, F. D. Swindell. *Lay*: J. G. Brown, W. E. Springer, J. H. Southgate, D. B. Zollicoffer.

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NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* W. F. Glenn, R. J. Bigham, M. J. Cofer, J. D. Hammond. *Lay:* George M. Napier, H. E. W. Palmer, Robert T. Daniel, Hiram W. Hill, H. W. Neal.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* John W. Boswell, W. B. Murrah, W. T. J. Sullivan. *Lay:* J. R. Bingham, W. G. Sykes.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* J. H. McLean, I. W. Clark, E. W. Alderson, G. C. Rankin, T. R. Pierce. *Lay:* B. M. Burgher, J. J. Coppedge, Sidney Bass, P. C. Thurmond, R. C. Dial.

NORTHWEST MEXICAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* J. F. Corbin.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* W. L. Nelms, James Campbell, Joe G. Putman, John R. Nelson, Horace Bishop, John M. Barcus. *Lay:* W. E. Williams, W. J. Clay, J. M. Robertson, W. J. Barcus.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* J. J. N. Kenney, W. E. Vaughan. *Lay:* J. P. Strother.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* John O. Willson. *Lay:* George C. Hodges, J. G. Clinkscales.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* W. C. Lovett, C. E. Dowman, J. B. McGehee, A. M. Williams. *Lay:* S. B. Adams, J. L. Day, Isaac Hardeman, O. M. Smith.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* William B. Palmore, William H. Winton, C. H. Briggs. *Lay:* R. B. Taylor, George M. Jones.

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* R. D. Smart, W. B. North. *Lay:* R. G. Applegate, W. S. Baker.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* W. F. Tillett, John R. Stewart, D. C. Kelley, H. B. Reams, W. R. Peebles. *Lay:* J. H. Stevenson, B. D. Bell, D. C. Scales.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* Seth Ward, E. S. Smith. *Lay:* J. E. Crawford, M. D. Fields.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* B. F. Lipscomb, Paul Whitehead, James Cannon, Jr., James C. Reed, A. Coke Smith, J. Powell Garland. *Lay:* W. W. Vicar, Gilbert J. Hunt.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: J. D. Scott, J. W. Stovall. *Lay*: W. M. Allison.

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WESTERN CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: Thomas C. Downs.

Members
present.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: James Atkins, J. H. Weaver. *Lay*: D. B. Coltrane, James Buttrick.

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: T. S. Wade, W. I. Canter. *Lay*: H. G. Armstrong.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: R. C. Morehead, Z. T. Bennett. *Lay*: F. M. Daniel, R. M. Henderson.

The Chair called for nominations for Secretary. Gross Alexander nominated Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, and he was unanimously elected.

Jno. J. Tigert
elected
Secretary.

On nomination of the Secretary, A. F. Watkins, of the Mississippi Conference, and John M. Barcus, of the Northwest Texas Conference, were elected Assistant Secretaries.

Assistant
Secreta-
ries elect-
ed.

The Secretary then called the roll of the Conferences for the seating of alternates in the place of absent principals. The following alternates were seated:

Conferences
called, and
alternates
seated.

JAPAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—T. Nishikawa, *vice* H. Nakamura, lay delegate.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—D. S. Campbell, *vice* W. K. Piner, clerical delegate.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—Olin King, *vice* J. A. Rounsaville, lay delegate.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—F. B. Sinex, *vice* B. H. Woods, Jr., lay delegate.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—W. T. McClure, *vice* J. W. Howell, clerical delegate.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—F. Stikeleather, *vice* G. A. Gray, lay delegate.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.—J. H. Hinemon, *vice* L. B. Leigh, lay delegate.

J. W. Boswell, of the North Mississippi Conference, challenged the right to a seat in this General Conference of H. C. Morrison, lay delegate from the Kentucky Conference; and the Chair announced that at the prop-

H. C. Morri-
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er time the name would be referred to a Committee on Credentials to be hereafter appointed.

**Names of J.
W. Heidt
and W. R.
Power.**

Members of the delegation of the North Georgia Conference called attention to the fact that the names of J. W. Heidt and W. R. Power, who had been elected, the former a clerical, and the latter a lay, delegate, at the session of that body, had not been called. The Chairman and the Secretary of the General Conference explained that these names were dropped from the roll by authority of the President of the North Georgia Conference; and the Chair announced that these names would also be referred to the Committee on Credentials as claimants of seats in this General Conference.

**Addresses of
welcome.**

I. W. Clark, presiding elder of the Dallas District, presented to Bishop Wilson, who introduced to the Conference, his Excellency, Governor J. B. Sayers, who delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the State of Texas; the Hon. Ben. E. Cabell, Mayor of the city of Dallas, who welcomed the Conference on behalf of the city of Dallas; the Hon. E. B. Perkins, of Dallas, who spoke in the name of the laity of Texas; and Dr. George C. Rankin, editor of the *Texas Christian Advocate*, who welcomed the Conference in the name of the ministry of Texas.

**Response by
Bishop
Galloway.**

Bishop Galloway, having been introduced by Bishop Wilson, responded to the addresses of welcome, on behalf of the General Conference.

**Telegram to
Bishop
Keener.**

E. E. Hoss, of the Holston Conference, offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to send at once a telegram to the venerable Bishop John C. Keener and his wife, assuring them of our regret at his absence, and of our earnest prayer that the abundant blessing of Almighty God may abide upon them.

T. S. WADE,
E. E. HOSS.

**Sympathy
for Bishop
Fitzgerald.**

E. E. Hoss also offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Conference

be instructed to convey to Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald the sympathy of the Conference for him and his family in the sore bereavement which has fallen upon them in the death of his daughter, Mrs. Lilian Fitzgerald Banks, and that we express the hope that he may yet be with us during our session.

E. E. HOSS,
JAMES ATKINS.

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On motion of I. W. Clark, of the North Texas Conference, the hour of 9 A.M. was fixed for meeting, and that of 1 P.M. for adjournment.

Hours of
meeting
and ad-
journment.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, moved that the Rules of Order of the last General Conference be adopted for the present session.

McLean's
motion to
adopt
Rules of
1898.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, offered an amendment that a special committee of five on Rules of Order be appointed, to which shall be referred without debate all amendments to existing rules and all new rules.

Tigert's
amend-
ment.

The amendment was accepted, and the motion, as amended, prevailed.

Amended
motion
adopted.

J. H. McLean also moved that a representative of each delegation meet in this building at three o'clock this afternoon to attend to the business of selecting seats for the several delegations; and the motion prevailed.

McLean's
motion on
selecting
seats
adopted.

Horace Bishop, of the Northwest Texas Conference, offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Telegram of
sympathy
to Dr.
Palmer.

Resolved, That the following telegram be sent to Rev. B. M. Palmer, D.D., New Orleans, La.: "The members of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, tender you their sympathies and prayers. See Romans viii. 28."

HORACE BISHOP
E. E. HOSS.

H. B. Johnston, of the Memphis Conference, offered a paper concerning the number and appointment of the standing committees.

Johnston's
paper on
standing
commit-
tees.

J. H. Pritchett, of the Missouri Conference, moved that the action of the last General Conference be substituted for the paper presented; and the substitute was adopted as follows:

Prichett's
motion to
substitute
action of
last Con-
ference
adopted.

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Resolved, 1. That there shall be fourteen standing committees, composed of one representative of each Annual Conference, to be elected by the respective delegations, as follows:

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| 1. Episcopacy. | 8. Boundaries. |
| 2. Itinerancy. | 9. Temperance. |
| 3. Revisals. | 10. Sunday Schools. |
| 4. Publishing Interests. | 11. Epworth League. |
| 5. Education. | 12. Appeals. |
| 6. Missions. | 13. Finance. |
| 7. Church Extension. | 14. Colportage. |

Resolved, 2. That, when the committees assemble for organization, they shall elect a temporary chairman and secretary, and afterwards a permanent chairman and secretary by ballot.

Resolved, 3. That the first seven of these committees shall hold their stated meetings on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week during the session, at 2:30 P.M., and the last seven on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday of each week, at 2:30 P.M.

Committee
on Fraternal
Correspondence.

F. D. Swindell, of the North Carolina Conference, moved that the Chair appoint a special committee on Fraternal Introductions and Correspondence; and the motion prevailed.

Wright's
motion for
Committee
on Credentials
adopted.

J. E. Wright, of the Kentucky Conference, moved that a Committee on Credentials, to consist of one member from each Annual Conference, be appointed; and the motion prevailed.

Hutchinson's
motion to reconsider
prevails.

J. S. Hutchinson, of the Baltimore Conference, moved that the action just taken be reconsidered; and it was so ordered.

Mahon's
motion
adopted.

R. H. Mahon, of the Memphis Conference, moved that the Committee on Credentials consist of seven members to be appointed by the Chair; and his motion prevailed.

Address of
the Bishops
read.

George C. Rankin, of the North Texas Conference, moved that we do now hear the Episcopal Address; and the motion prevailed.

Bishop Duncan then read the Address of the Bishops. (See the Address, pp. 20-46.)

Tigert's
motion to extend
time
adopted.

Before the completion of the reading, the hour of adjournment approaching, Jno. J. Tigert moved that the

time of the session be extended until the reading of the Address should be completed, and its several sections referred to the appropriate standing committees; and the motion prevailed.

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The Chair, on the conclusion of the Episcopal Address, requested Bishop Candler to read a letter referred to therein, addressed to one of the bishops, and offered as an Appendix to the Address.

Bishop Candler requested to read letter.

D. C. Kelley, of the Tennessee Conference, raised the question whether it comported with the dignity of the General Conference to receive a communication from the Senate of the United States which was not addressed to the body.

Kelley raises question of order.

The Chair replied that the letter was presented by the Bishops.

Bishop Candler read a letter addressed to him by the United States Senators from the State of Georgia, and indorsed by a large majority of the Senate of the United States. (See Appendix to the Episcopal Address.)

Letter from U. S. Senators read by Bishop Candler.

On motion of Anson West, of the North Alabama Conference, the Conference adjourned.

Adjournment.

The doxology was sung, and Bishop Wilson pronounced the benediction

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1902.

**MAY 8.
SECOND DAY.**

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Wilson in the chair.

Conference meets.

Religious services were conducted by A. Coke Smith, of the Virginia Conference.

Religious service.

The roll of those not present yesterday was called, and the following additional delegates responded to their names:

Roll call.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: A. J. Lamar, J. M. Mason, J. S. Frazer, S. M. Hosmer. *Lay*: A. M. McMillan, D. C. Turnipseed, J. W. Portis, W. F. Vandiver.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: J. P. Hilburn, Josephus Anderson. *Lay*: W. N. Sheats, C. W. White.

CENTRAL MEXICO MISSION CONFERENCE.—*Lay*: T. E. Edwards.

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 Roll call.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* Frank Richardson, W. S. Neighbors, J. A. Burrow. *Lay:* T. W. Jordan, E. C. Reeves.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—*Lay:* R. T. Marshall, W. W. Ball.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.—*Lay:* L. B. Leigh.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* Charles W. Carter.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* W. K. Piner. *Lay:* William Elliott.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* John D. Simpson, John P. McFerrin.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* William P. Lovejoy, John B. Robins, John W. Heidt. *Lay:* W. R. Power.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* J. H. Mitchel. *Lay:* R. W. Jones, F. A. Critz.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.—*Lay:* John Potter.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* W. R. Richardson, C. D. Mann, J. W. Daniel, J. A. Clifton, R. A. Child. *Lay:* E. Ehrlich, G. H. Bates, C. C. Featherstone.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* J. O. Branch.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* J. W. Howell. *Lay:* M. E. Benton, C. B. Rhodes.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—*Lay:* W. R. Webb, Jordan Stokes.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—*Lay:* Francis T. West, William W. Smith.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.—*Lay:* A. G. Campbell.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* S. B. Turrentine, J. C. Rowe, J. R. Scroggs. *Lay:* C. W. Tillett.

Heidt and
 Power rec-
 ognized
 and seated.

W. F. Glenn, of the North Georgia Conference, moved that the names of J. W. Heidt and W. R. Power, which had been omitted from the roll by the authority of the President of the North Georgia Conference, be restored; and the motion prevailed. Their names were

called, and they were recognized in their seats as recorded above.

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The presence of L. B. Leigh, of the Little Rock Conference, W. K. Piner, of the Louisville Conference, and J. W. Howell, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, displaced from their seats the alternates who had been recognized in their places on yesterday.

Alternates
displaced
from
seats.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Minutes
read.

Bishop Wilson announced the Committee on Credentials, ordered yesterday, as follows: R. H. Mahon, J. S. Hutchinson, W. L. Nelms, Paul Whitehead, J. G. Brown, R. W. Jones, W. F. Barclay.

Committee
on Creden-
tials
named.

Also the Committee on Rules of Order, as follows: Jno. J. Tigert, P. H. Whisner, E. W. Alderson, Hiram W. Hill, B. J. Casteel.

Committee
on Rules of
Order.

Bishop Granbery took the chair.

Bishop
Granbery
presides.

John A. Grose, a lay delegate of the Western Virginia Conference, was recognized and seated.

John A.
Grose
seated.

George R. Stuart, a lay alternate delegate of the Holston Conference, was recognized and seated, *vice* E. P. Rucker, absent.

Lay alter-
nates rec-
ognized
and
seated

E. G. Gillett, lay alternate delegate of the West Texas Conference, was recognized and seated, *vice* J. E. Pritchett, absent.

On the statement of Julius E. Wright, of the Kentucky delegation, that the brethren representing that Conference were without seats, it was ordered after sundry motions that the selection of seats for the Kentucky delegation be referred to the Local Committee on Arrangements, and a proper allotment was made.

Allotment
of seats to
Kentucky
delega-
tion.

The Chair introduced the Rev. Dr. Brecken, Fraternal Messenger to this General Conference from the Methodist Church of Canada.

Dr. Brecken
intro-
duced.

Announcements of the places of meetings of the standing committees, with other details securing the convenience and comfort of the body, were made by B. M. Burgher on behalf of the Local Committee.

Announce-
ments by
Local Com-
mittee.

P. H. Hensch, clerical delegate from the German Mission Conference, was recognized and seated.

P.H. Hensch
seated.

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A. Coke
Smith's
resolution
referred.

A. Coke Smith, of the Virginia Conference, offered the following resolution, and asked its reference to the Committee on Rules, which was ordered:

Resolved, That all reports of committees be printed, paged, and folded, with numbered lines, and laid on the desks of the members at least one day before being acted upon by the Conference.

A. COKE SMITH,	J. C. REED,
W. W. VICAR,	JAMES CANNON, JR.,
R. D. SMART,	G. J. HUNT,
B. F. LIPSCOMB,	EDWARD EHRLICH.

Gavels pre-
sented.

S. B. Adams, of the South Georgia Conference, presented to the General Conference from R. B. Reppard, of Savannah, Ga., a gavel made from the Wesley oak. Mr. M. D. Fields, on behalf of the Texas Conference, also presented a gavel to the General Conference.

Names re-
ferred to
Commit-
tee on Cre-
dentials.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved that the names of J. W. Heidt, H. C. Morrison, and W. R. Power be referred to the Committee on Credentials; and the motion prevailed.

Committee
on Public
Worship.

On motion of F. D. Swindell, of the North Carolina Conference, a Committee on Public Worship was ordered, as follows: Rev. I. W. Clark, Chairman; Rev. J. L. Pierce, Rev. C. E. Lamb, Rev. J. W. Rowlett, Rev. L. S. Barton, Rev. W. A. Edwards, Rev. J. M. Nichols, Rev. H. M. Hamilton, Rev. G. C. Rankin, Mr. L. Blaylock, and Mr. B. M. Burgher.

Fraternal
Commit-
tee ap-
pointed.

The Chair announced the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence and Introduction, as follows: A. Coke Smith, of the Virginia Conference; W. B. Murrah, of the North Mississippi Conference; R. D. Smart, of the St. Louis Conference; Charles E. Muller, of the Baltimore Conference; and S. B. Adams, of the South Georgia Conference.

Tigert's pa-
per on no-
tation of
Confer-
ence.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, presented a paper on the notation of the General Conference, signed by himself and others, as follows:

Whereas the Supreme Court of the United States (16 Howard, 288) in its final decision of the Methodist Church Property Case held the following language, namely, "The

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division of the Church, as originally constituted, thus became complete; and from this time two separate and distinct organizations have taken place of the one previously existing"; and this further explicit language, namely, "It can no more be affirmed, either in point of fact or of law, that they [that is, the traveling preachers in the North] are traveling preachers in connection with the Methodist Church as originally constituted, since the division, than of those in connection with the Church, South. . . . Their General Conference is not the General Conference of the old Church," etc.; and

Whereas the selfsame facts and principles which moved the Supreme Court of the United States to decide that the present General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church is not the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America, would equally carry with them the decision that the present General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is not the original General Conference of the old Church; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That when, in imitation of the example of our Northern brethren, there was introduced into our General Conference a notation which numbered the sessions of the body from the beginning, a principle was inadvertently acknowledged which is in contradiction with that decision of the Supreme Court of the United States which legally defines our proper ecclesiastical status and constitutes the basis of many of our rights and privileges as a Church.

Resolved, 2. That the numbering of the sessions of the General Conference from the organization of the original Methodist Episcopal Church in America in 1784, as introduced into the Journals of the last two General Conferences, be discontinued; and that the Secretary of this General Conference be instructed to designate it simply the Fourteenth General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in harmony with the uniform practice and records of the body from 1846 to 1890.

JNO. J. TIGERT, ANSON WEST,
GROSS ALEXANDER, R. H. MAHON.

After considerable discussion, E. W. Alderson, of the North Texas Conference, moved the previous question; and the previous question was ordered.

Previous
question
ordered.

The vote on the resolutions was taken, but the Chair being in doubt as to the result, a rising vote was called for, and seventy-six members voted in the affirmative

Resolutions
not adopt
ed.

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and one hundred and sixty in the negative; and the resolutions were not adopted.

Assigning
delegates
to stand-
ing com-
mittees.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, moved that the assignments of delegates to the several standing committees be presented in duplicate on a calling of the roll of the Conferences; and the motion prevailed.

Dr. Hunt-
ington in-
troduced.

The Chair introduced to the Conference Dr. D. W. C. Huntington, the Fraternal Delegate to this Conference from the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Meeting of
standing
commit-
tees or-
dered.

On motion of John T. Sawyer, of the Louisiana Conference, it was ordered that the first half of the standing committees should meet at three o'clock this afternoon, and the second half at five o'clock, for organization.

Tigert's
resolu-
tions on
minutes
and re-
ports
adopted.

Jno. J. Tigert presented the following resolutions, which were, upon motion, adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the Secretary of the General Conference be permitted to engross the minutes of the body from day to day in typewritten form on paper of uniform and suitable size, and that, when these daily minutes shall have been bound in a permanent volume and certified in the usual manner by the signatures of the Presidents and Secretaries of the General Conference, this bound volume of typewritten minutes shall constitute the Journal of the General Conference, possessing the same legal character and authority that have hitherto belonged to the written Journal.

Resolved, 2. That the reports of the committees, both standing and special, shall, as far as possible, be presented in typewritten form, and that, when the chairmen and secretaries of the committees find it impracticable to present typewritten reports, the Secretary of the General Conference is authorized to have them typewritten, and to have all the reports bound in a permanent volume, which volume shall have the same official value as the written report book heretofore used for final record.

JNO. J. TIGERT,
JOHN M. BARCUS.

Communi-
cation
from Bish-
op Lane.

Bishop Wilson presented to the Conference a communication from Bishop Lane, which was, upon motion, referred to the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence and Introduction.

The Secretary called the roll of the Conferences for appeals, memorials, and petitions, and the following were introduced:

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Appeals,
memorials,
and
petitions.

CENTRAL MEXICO MISSION CONFERENCE.—A memorial on the licensing of local preachers. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.—A memorial for the establishment of the order of deaconesses. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.—A memorial on change of boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.—A memorial for the establishment of the order of deaconesses. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning the sale of fiction by the Publishing House. Referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—Concerning Joint Boards of Finance. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A memorial concerning the licensing of local preachers. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning change of boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—Concerning the election of missionary bishops and officers of the Board of Missions. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—Concerning the establishment of hospitals. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial concerning the work of stewards in the collection of connectional assessments. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A memorial on the removal of the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

A memorial concerning the collection of the War Claim. Referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

A memorial concerning the establishment of the or-

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petitions.

der of deaconesses. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial on the change of boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning change of boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

A memorial concerning the establishment of the order of deaconesses. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Concerning the minutes of the Annual Conferences. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning the instruction of undergraduates. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

A memorial on the sale of Church property. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning the use of local preachers as supplies. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

A memorial concerning the Joint Board of Finance. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning the appointment of preachers as students in institutions of learning. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

A memorial concerning the course of study for undergraduates. Referred to the Committee on Education.

A memorial concerning the assistance of churches in mill districts. Referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning the limitation of the terms of presiding elders. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning change of boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

On the call of the roll of the Annual Conferences, the lists of the members of the standing committees were handed in for record, as follows:

Standing
commit-
tees.

CONFERENCE.	EPISCOPACY.	ITINERANCY.	REVISALS.
Alabama,	A. J. Lamar,	J. S. Frazer,	J. M. Mason.
Arkansas,	F. S. H. Johnston.	E. H. Stevenson,	W. W. Martin,
Baltimore,	Collins Denny,	P. H. Whisner,	H. P. Hamill,
Brazil Mission,	J. W. Tarboux,	J. W. Tarboux,	J. W. Tarboux,
Central Mexico Miss.,	J. W. Grimes,	J. W. Grimes,	J. W. Grimes,
China Mission,	C. F. Reid,	C. F. Reid,	C. F. Reid,
Columbia,		H. S. Shangle,	J. A. McGhee,
Denver,	W. H. Howard,	W. H. Howard,	Ersine A. Strange,
East Columbia,	H. C. Gay,	G. H. Gibbs,	H. C. Gay,
East Texas,	A. J. Weeks,	V. A. Godbey,	A. J. Weeks,
Florida,	J. P. Hilburn,	J. Anderson,	C. W. White,
German Mission,	H. C. Grote,	C. H. Grote,	P. H. Hensch,
Holston,	E. E. Hoss,	F. Richardson,	W. S. Neighbors,
Illinois,	R. P. Howell,	R. P. Howell,	R. P. Howell,
Indian Mission,	J. M. Gross,	S. G. Thompson,	J. F. Quillen,
Japan Mission,	S. H. Wainright,	S. H. Wainright,	S. H. Wainright,
Kentucky,	J. E. Wright,	A. Redd,	W. E. Arnold,
Little Rock,	J. E. Godbey,	T. H. Ware,	J. H. McCollum,
Los Angeles,	J. F. G. Finley,	J. F. G. Finley,	J. F. G. Finley,
Louisiana,	C. W. Carter,	S. S. Keener,	S. S. Keener,
Louisville,	Gross Alexander,	J. S. Chandler,	J. J. Tigert,
Memphis,	R. H. Mahon,	A. J. Meaders,	H. B. Johnston,
Mexican Border Miss.,	G. B. Winton,	G. B. Winton,	G. B. Winton,
Mississippi,	A. F. Watkins,	W. C. Black,	T. L. Mellen,
Missouri,	J. H. Pritchett,	F. Marvin,	Perry S. Rader,
Montana,	R. B. Swift,	R. B. Swift,	R. B. Swift,
New Mexico,	T. L. Lallance,	T. L. Lallance,	J. H. Harper,
North Alabama,	Jno. D. Simpson,	Jno. P. McFerrin,	Anson West,
North Carolina,	Jno. C. Kilgo,	T. N. Ivey,	J. T. Gibbs,
North Georgia,	W. F. Glenn,	W. P. Lovejoy,	J. B. Robins,
North Mississippi,	J. W. Boswell,	J. H. Mitchel,	F. A. Critz,
North Texas,	Jno. H. McLean,	E. W. Alderson,	I. W. Clark,
N. W. Mexican Miss.,	J. F. Corbin,	J. F. Corbin,	J. F. Corbin,
Northwest Texas,	W. L. Nelms,	W. E. Williams,	Jas. Campbell,
Pacific,	J. J. N. Kenney,	J. J. N. Kenney,	W. E. Vaughan,
St. Louis,	R. D. Smart,	W. B. North,	W. B. North,
South Carolina,	W. R. Richardson,	R. A. Child,	G. H. Bates,
South Georgia,	W. C. Lovett,	A. M. Williams,	J. B. McGehee,
Southwest Missouri,	W. B. Palmore,	Geo. M. Jones,	C. A. Briggs,
Tennessee,	W. F. Tillett,	J. R. Stewart,	W. R. Peebles,
Texas,	E. S. Smith,	E. S. Smith,	Seth Ward,
Virginia,	B. F. Lipscomb,	Jas. C. Reed,	Paul Whitehead,
West Texas,	J. D. Scott,	W. M. Allison,	J. W. Stovall,
Western,	T. C. Downs,	A. G. Campbell,	A. G. Campbell,
Western N. Carolina,	Jas. Atkins,	S. B. Turrentine,	J. R. Scroggs,
Western Virginia,	T. S. Wade,	W. I. Canter,	W. I. Canter,
White River,	R. C. Morehead,	Z. T. Bennett,	R. M. Henderson.

CONFERENCE.	PUBLISHING INT'S.	EDUCATION.	MISSIONS.
Alabama,	W. F. Vandiver,	S. M. Hosmer,	A. M. McMillan,
Arkansas,	S. Anderson,	S. Anderson,	F. S. H. Johnston,
Baltimore,	J. S. Hutchinson,	A. B. Pugh,	T. T. Fishburne,
Brazil Mission,	J. W. Tarboux,	J. W. Tarboux,	J. W. Tarboux,
Central Mexico Miss.,	J. W. Grimes,	J. W. Grimes,	J. W. Grimes,
China Mission,	W. H. Park,	W. H. Park,	C. F. Reid,
Columbia,	H. S. Shangle,	J. A. McGhee,	H. S. Shangle,
Denver,	W. H. Howard,	W. H. Howard,	E. A. Strange,
East Columbia,	H. C. Gay,	G. H. Gibbs,	G. H. Gibbs,
East Texas,	D. H. Abernathy,	V. A. Godbey,	T. S. Garrison,
Florida,	W. N. Sheats,	J. P. Hilburn,	R. M. Barnett,
German Mission,	P. H. Hensch,	C. H. Grote,	P. H. Hensch,
Holston,	E. C. Reeves,	R. G. Waterhouse,	T. W. Jordan,
Illinois,	R. P. Howell,	J. B. Clark,	R. P. Howell,
Indian Mission,	T. F. Brewer,	N. R. Tisdale,	C. F. Roberts,
Japan Mission,	S. H. Wainright,	T. Nishikawa,	S. H. Wainright,
Kentucky,	W. W. Ball,	H. C. Morrison,	R. T. Marshall,
Little Rock,	J. D. Scott,	J. D. Clary,	T. D. Scott,
Los Angeles,	M. L. Montgomery,	M. L. Montgomery,	J. F. G. Finley,
Louisiana,	S. B. McCutchen,	C. W. Carter,	J. T. Sawyer,
Louisville,	J. R. Hindman,	L. P. Little,	W. K. Piner,
Memphis,	J. Y. Barbee,	S. L. Jewell,	T. B. King,
Mexican Border Miss.,	G. B. Winton,	G. B. Winton,	G. B. Winton,
Mississippi,	W. M. Thornton,	R. W. Millsaps,	T. L. Mellen,

CONFERENCE.	PUBLISHING INT'S.	EDUCATION.	MISSIONS.
Missouri,	Jno. Anderson,	E. B. Craighead,	W. F. McMurry,
Montana,	R. B. Swift,	R. B. Swift,	R. B. Swift,
New Mexico,	T. L. Lallance,	Jno. H. Harper,	T. L. Lallance,
North Alabama,	J. S. Robertson,	J. T. Morris,	A. C. Miller,
North Carolina,	J. G. Brown,	Jas. H. Southgate,	F. D. Swindell,
North Georgia,	H. E. W. Palmer,	J. D. Hammond,	R. J. Bigham,
North Mississippi,	W. T. J. Sullivan,	W. B. Murrah,	J. R. Bingham,
North Texas,	G. C. Rankin,	P. C. Thurmond,	T. R. Pierce,
N. W. Mexican Miss.,	J. F. Corbin,	J. F. Corbin,	J. F. Corbin,
Northwest Texas,	Jas. M. Robertson,	R. S. Hyer,	Horace Bishop,
Pacific,	J. P. Strother,	John Potter,	W. E. Vaughan,
St. Louis,	R. G. Applegate,	W. B. North,	R. D. Smart,
South Carolina,	J. W. Daniel,	J. G. Clinkscales,	C. D. Mann,
South Georgia,	S. B. Adams,	C. E. Dowman,	J. O. Branch,
Southwest Missouri,	J. W. Howell,	R. B. Taylor,	Wm. H. Winton,
Tennessee,	Jordan Stokes,	W. R. Webb,	H. B. Reams,
Texas,	J. E. Crawford,	J. E. Crawford,	Seth Ward,
Virginia,	Jas. Cannon, Jr.	W. W. Smith,	A. Coke Smith,
West Texas,	J. W. Stovall,	E. H. Gillett,	J. D. Scott,
Western,	T. C. Downs,	A. G. Campbell,	A. G. Campbell,
Western N. Carolina,	J. C. Rowe,	C. W. Tillett,	J. H. Weaver,
Western Virginia,	T. S. Wade,	H. G. Armstrong,	W. I. Canter,
White River,	Z. T. Bennett,	R. C. Morehead,	F. M. Daniel.

CONFERENCE.	CHURCH EXTENSION.	BOUNDARIES.	TEMPERANCE.
Alabama,	D. C. Turnipseed,	D. C. Turnipseed,	D. C. Turnipseed
Arkansas,	W. W. Martin,	F. S. H. Johnston,	W. W. Martin,
Baltimore,	Jno. A. Anderson,	A. E. Huddleston,	Chas. E. Muller
Brazil Mission,	J. W. Tarboux,	J. W. Tarboux,	J. W. Tarboux,
Central Mexico Miss.,	T. E. Edwards,	J. W. Grimes,	T. E. Edwards,
China Mission,	W. H. Park,	C. F. Reid,	W. H. Park,
Columbia,	J. A. McGhee,	H. S. Shangle,	J. A. McGhee,
Denver,	Erskine A. Strange,	W. H. Howard,	E. A. Strange,
East Columbia,	G. H. Gibbs,	G. H. Gibbs,	H. C. Gay,
East Texas,	T. S. Garrison,	V. A. Godbey,	D. H. Abernathy
Florida,	C. W. White,	D. W. Stanley,	D. W. Stanley,
German Mission	P. H. Hensch,	C. H. Grote,	C. H. Grote,
Holston,	E. P. Rucker,	J. W. Hicks,	E. C. Reeves,
Illinois,	R. P. Howell,	R. P. Howell,	J. B. Clark,
Indian Mission,	N. B. Ainsworth,	C. F. Roberts,	J. M. Gross,
Japan Mission,	S. H. Wainright,	T. Nishikawa,	T. Nishikawa,
Kentucky,	J. E. Wright,	A. Redd,	W. E. Arnold,
Little Rock,	L. B. Leigh,	T. H. Ware,	J. D. Clary,
Los Angeles,	M. L. Montgomery,	J. F. G. Finley,	M. L. Montgomery,
Louisiana,	W. B. Thompson,	W. B. Thompson,	I. D. Wall,
Louisville,	W. F. Barclay,	J. S. Chandler,	J. R. Hindman,
Memphis,	C. W. Morrison,	R. H. Mahon,	C. W. Morrison
Mexican Border Miss.,	G. B. Winton,	G. B. Winton,	G. B. Winton,
Mississippi,	L. P. Brown,	T. L. Mellen,	W. C. Black,
Missouri,	W. A. Hanna,	T. Shackelford,	W. A. Hanna,
Montana,	R. B. Swift,	R. B. Swift,	R. B. Swift,
New Mexico,	Jno. H. Harper,	T. L. Lallance,	Jno. H. Harper,
North Alabama,	N. M. Rowe,	Thos. Bradford,	W. E. Weir,
North Carolina,	W. E. Springer,	F. D. Swindell,	T. N. Ivey,
North Georgia,	H. W. Hill,	Olin King,	R. T. Daniel,
North Mississippi,	W. G. Sykes,	W. T. J. Sullivan,	F. A. Critz,
North Texas,	Sidney Bass,	Jno. H. McLean,	L. Blalock,
N. W. Mexican Miss.,	J. F. Corbin,	J. F. Corbin,	J. F. Corbin,
Northwest Texas,	W. J. Barcus,	J. R. Nelson,	J. G. Putnam,
Pacific,	J. P. Strother,	John Potter,	J. J. N. Kenney,
St. Louis,	W. S. Baker,	W. S. Baker,	W. B. North,
South Carolina,	B. G. Gregg,	C. D. Mann,	J. C. C. Featherstone,
South Georgia,	I. Hardeman,	J. L. Day,	J. B. McGeehee,
Southwest Missouri,	M. E. Benton,	M. E. Benton,	
Tennessee,	J. H. Stevenson,	Seth Ward,	D. C. Kelley,
Texas,	M. D. Fields,	G. J. Hunt,	M. D. Fields,
Virginia,	G. J. Hunt,	J. D. Scott,	F. T. West,
West Texas,	J. D. Scott,	T. C. Downs,	E. G. Gillett,
Western,	T. C. Downs,	F. Stikeleather,	A. G. Campbell,
Western N. Carolina,	D. B. Coltrane,	T. S. Wade,	Jas. Buttrick,
Western Virginia,	Jno. A. Grose,	Z. T. Bennett,	H. G. Armstrong,
White River,	R. M. Henderson,		F. M. Daniel.

CONFERENCE.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	EPWORTH LEAGUE.	APPEALS.
Alabama,	A. M. McMillan,	S. M. Hosmer,	J. S. Frazer,
Arkansas,	F. S. H. Johnston,	E. H. Stevenson,	S. Anderson,
Baltimore,	M. L. Walton,	P. H. Whisner,	H. P. Hamill,
Brazil Mission,	J. W. Tarboux,	J. W. Tarboux,	J. W. Tarboux,
Central Mexico Miss.,	T. E. Edwards,	T. E. Edwards,	J. W. Grimes,
China Mission,	W. H. Park,	W. H. Park,	C. F. Reid,
Columbia,	H. S. Shangle,	J. A. McGhee,	H. S. Shangle,
Denver,	E. A. Strange,	E. A. Strange,	W. H. Howard,
East Columbia,	H. C. Gay,	G. H. Gibbs,	H. C. Gay,
East Texas,	T. S. Garrison,	D. H. Abernathy,	A. J. Weeks,
Florida,	W. N. Sheats,	J. P. Hilburn,	Josephus Anderson,
German Mission,	P. H. Hensch,	C. H. Grote,	P. H. Hensch,
Holston,	J. L. Jarman,	J. A. Burrow,	T. W. Jordan,
Illinois,		J. B. Clark,	J. B. Clark,
Indian Mission,	J. M. Doss,	T. F. Brewer,	S. G. Thompson,
Japan Mission,	T. Nishikawa,	T. Nishikawa,	S. H. Wainright,
Kentucky,	R. T. Marshall,	H. C. Morrison,	J. E. Wright,
Little Rock,	L. B. Leigh,	T. H. Ware,	J. H. McCollum,
Los Angeles,	M. L. Montgomery,	M. L. Montgomery,	J. F. G. Finley,
Louisiana,	W. B. Thompson,	J. T. Sawyer,	S. S. Keener,
Louisville,	Wm. Elliott,	W. K. Piner,	L. P. Little,
Memphis,	J. R. Pepper,	T. B. King,	H. B. Johnston,
Mexican Border Miss.,	G. B. Winton,	G. B. Winton,	G. B. Winton,
Mississippi,	L. P. Brown,	A. F. Watkins,	W. C. Black,
Missouri,	B. J. Casteel,	W. F. McMurry,	P. S. Rader,
Montana,	R. B. Swift,	R. B. Swift,	R. B. Swift,
New Mexico,	Jas. H. Harper,	T. L. Lallance,	Jno. H. Harper,
North Alabama,	T. C. Banks,	Jno. D. Simpson,	Anson West,
North Carolina,	D. B. Zollcoffer,	J. G. Brown,	J. T. Gibbs,
North Georgia,	Geo. M. Napier,	M. J. Cofer,	W. P. Lovejoy,
North Mississippi,	R. W. Jones,	J. H. Mitchel,	J. W. Boswell,
North Texas,	B. M. Burgher,	J. J. Coppedge,	P. C. Thurmond,
N. W. Mexican Miss.,	J. F. Corbin,	J. F. Corbin,	J. F. Corbin,
Northwest Texas,	W. J. Clay,	J. M. Barcus,	J. G. Putman,
Pacific,	John Potter,	W. E. Vaughan,	J. P. Strother,
St. Louis,	W. S. Baker,	R. G. Applegate,	R. D. Smart,
South Carolina,	J. O. Willson,	J. A. Clifton,	Geo. C. Hodges,
South Georgia,	I. Hardeman,	O. M. Smith,	J. O. Branch,
Southwest Missouri,	R. B. Taylor,	C. B. Rhodes,	C. H. Briggs,
Tennessee,	D. C. Scales,	W. R. Webb,	B. D. Bell,
Texas,	M. D. Fields,	E. S. Smith,	E. S. Smith,
Virginia,	E. G. Moseley,	W. W. Vicar,	J. P. Garland,
West Texas,	J. W. Stovall,	J. W. Stovall,	W. M. Allison,
Western,	A. G. Campbell,	T. C. Downs,	A. G. Campbell,
Western N. Carolina,	James Atkins,	S. B. Turrentine,	J. H. Weaver,
Western Virginia,	Jno. A. Grose,	H. G. Armstrong,	W. I. Canter,
White River,	F. M. Daniel,	R. M. Henderson,	R. M. Henderson.

CONFERENCE.	FINANCE.	CONFERENCE.	COLPORTAGE.
Alabama,	W. F. Vandiver,	Alabama,	A. J. Lamar,
Arkansas,	W. W. Martin,	Arkansas,	E. H. Stevenson,
Baltimore,	T. T. Fishburne,	Baltimore,	A. B. Pugh,
Brazil Mission,	J. W. Tarboux,	Brazil Mission,	J. W. Tarboux,
Central Mexico Miss.,	T. E. Edwards,	Central Mex. Miss.,	T. E. Edwards,
China Mission,	W. H. Park,	China Mission,	C. F. Reid,
Columbia,	J. A. McGhee,	Columbia,	H. S. Shangle,
Denver,	E. A. Strange,	Denver,	W. H. Howard,
East Columbia,	G. H. Gibbs,	East Columbia,	H. C. Gay,
East Texas,	T. S. Garrison,	East Texas,	A. J. Weeks,
Florida,	R. H. Barnett,	Florida,	R. H. Barnett,
German Mission,	C. H. Grote,	German Mission,	P. H. Hensch,
Holston,	J. W. Hicks,	Holston,	J. L. Jarman,
Illinois,	J. B. Clark,	Illinois,	J. B. Clark,
Indian Mission,	N. R. Tisdale,	Indian Mission,	N. B. Ainsworth,
Japan Mission,	T. Nishikawa,	Japan Mission,	T. Nishikawa,
Kentucky,	W. W. Ball,	Kentucky,	A. Redd,
Little Rock,	J. H. McCollum,	Little Rock,	J. E. Godbey,
Los Angeles,	M. L. Montgomery,	Los Angeles,	J. F. G. Finley,
Louisiana,	S. B. McCutchen,	Louisiana,	I. D. Wall,
Louisville,	W. F. Barclay,	Louisville,	Gross Alexander,
Memphis,	S. L. Jewell,	Memphis,	A. J. Meaders,
Mexican Border Miss.,	G. B. Winton,	Mex. Border Miss.,	G. B. Winton,
Mississippi,	R. W. Millsaps,	Mississippi,	W. M. Thornton,
Missouri,	Jas. A. Leavel,	Missouri,	F. Marvin,
Montana,	R. B. Swift,	Montana,	R. B. Swift,

CONFERENCE.	FINANCE.	CONFERENCE.	COLPORTAGE.
New Mexico,	T. L. Lallance,	New Mexico	Jno. H. Harper,
North Alabama,	Thos. Bradford,	North Alabama,	Jno. S. Robertson,
North Carolina,	W. E. Springer,	North Carolina,	D. B. Zollicoffer,
North Georgia,	H. W. Neal,	North Georgia,	M. J. Cofer,
North Mississippi,	J. R. Bingham,	North Mississippi,	W. G. Sykes,
North Texas,	Sidney Bass,	North Texas,	E. W. Alderson,
N. W. Mexican Miss.,	J. F. Corbin,	N. W. Mex. Miss.,	J. F. Corbin,
Northwest Texas,	B. H. Woods, Jr.,	Northwest Texas,	W. J. Barcus,
Pacific,	John Potter,	Pacific,	W. E. Vaughan,
St. Louis,	R. G. Applegate,	St. Louis,	W. S. Baker,
South Carolina,	E. Ehrlich,	South Carolina,	B. G. Gregg,
South Georgia,	M. C. Austin,	South Georgia,	O. M. Smith,
Southwest Missouri,	Geo. M. Jones,	Southwest Missouri,	W. H. Winton,
Tennessee,	D. C. Kelley,	Tennessee,	D. C. Scales,
Texas,	J. E. Crawford,	Texas,	M. D. Fields,
Virginia,	B. F. Lipsecomb,	Virginia,	T. J. Barham,
West Texas,	W. M. Allison,	West Texas,	E. G. Gillett,
Western,	A. G. Campbell,	Western,	T. C. Downs,
Western N. Carolina,	J. A. Odell,	Western N. Carolina,	D. B. Coltrane,
Western Virginia,	Jno. A. Grose,	Western Virginia,	T. S. Wade,
White River,	R. C. Morehead.	White River,	R. C. Morehead.

NOTE.—Changes in the Standing Committees are recorded in the Journal following.—*Editor.*

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Committee
on Distri-
bution of
Episcopal
Address.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, moved that the Secretaries be appointed a Committee on the Distribution of the Episcopal Address; and the motion prevailed.

Report of
Book Com-
mittee.

G. C. Rankin, of the North Texas Conference, moved that the report of the Book Committee be read to the Conference; and the motion prevailed.

Read by
Collins
Denny.

Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, and Chairman of the Book Committee, read the report of the Book Committee to the Conference, and filed an official copy with the Secretary.

Time for
reading
extended.

During the reading of the report, the time of adjournment drawing near, Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved the extension of the session for fifteen minutes; and the motion prevailed.

Referred to
Committee
on Pub-
lishing In-
terests.

R. H. Mahon, of the Memphis Conference, moved the reference of the Report of the Book Committee to the Committee on Publishing Interests; and the motion prevailed.

Papers on
Heidt case.

On motion of the Secretary, papers addressed to the Secretary of the General Conference, bearing on the case of John W. Heidt, were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Third As-
sistant
Secretary.

On the nomination of the Secretary, John W. Heidt was elected third Assistant Secretary of the General Conference.

War Claim
matters.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Publishing Interests be requested to consider all matters referring to the Publishing House War Claim and report to this body as early as practicable.

GEORGE M. JONES,
C. H. BRIGGS.

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On motion, the Conference adjourned. After the singing of the doxology, the benediction was pronounced by Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference.

Adjournment.

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Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Granbery in the chair.

Conference meets.

Religious services were conducted by J. B. McGehee, of the South Georgia Conference.

Religious services.

On motion of the Secretary, the calling of the roll was dispensed with during the remainder of the session.

Roll call dispensed with.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Minutes approved.

Bishop Hargrove took the chair.

Bishop Hargrove presides.

John W. Boswell, of the North Mississippi Conference, withdrew his challenge of the right of H. C. Morrison, lay delegate from the Kentucky Conference, to a seat in this Conference.

Boswell's challenge withdrawn.

Bishop H. C. Morrison asked the privilege of a statement to the Conference, and, on motion, it was granted. Bishop Morrison thereupon disclaimed any indorsement of the communication to the Conference of the letter written to Bishop Candler by Senators Bacon and Clay and added as an Appendix to the Episcopal Address.

Bishop Morrison's statement.

M. C. Austin, a lay delegate of the South Georgia Conference, was recognized and seated.

M. C. Austin seated.

W. P. Lovejoy, of the North Georgia Conference, rose to a question of personal privilege, and made some explanations with regard to his relation to the report of the Book Committee as read on yesterday.

Lovejoy's explanation.

Gross Alexander, of the Louisville Conference, made a motion with regard to the letter written by Bishop Candler to Senator Clay, which, after sundry motions and points of order, was declared out of order by the

Gross Alexander's motion out of order.

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Chair, on the ground that it was of the nature of a resolution, for which the time had not yet arrived.

Delegates
recognized
and
seated.

E. G. Moseley, lay delegate from the Virginia Conference; R. S. Hyer, lay delegate from the Northwest Texas Conference; Josephus Anderson, clerical delegate from the Florida Conference; and D. W. Stanley, lay delegate from the Florida Conference, were recognized and seated.

Lay alter-
nate
seated.

H. C. Gay, lay alternate from the East Columbia Conference, was recognized and seated, *vice* M. R. Hanger, absent.

Sunday ap-
point-
ments.

I. W. Clark, Chairman of the Committee on Public Worship, reported the appointments for preaching at the several churches for May 11.

Denny's
personal
privilege.

Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, rose to a question of personal privilege, and made a statement to exonerate the Book Committee from any seeming discourtesy toward W. P. Lovejoy.

Report of
Board of
Missions.

J. H. Pritchett, Missionary Secretary, presented the Report of the Board of Missions, and, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Missions.

Report of
Board of
Church
Extension.

P. H. Whisner, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, presented the report of the Board of Church Extension, and, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

Report of
Joint Com-
mission on
Federa-
tion.

E. E. Hoss, of the Holston Conference, presented the Report of the Joint Commission on Federation, and moved its reference to the Committee on Federation when one should be appointed; and his motion prevailed.

Organiza-
tion of
standing
commit-
tees.

The standing committees reported their organizations as follows:

COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY.—A. J. Lamar, *Chairman*; W. L. Nelms, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY.—W. C. Black, *Chairman*; S. B. Turrentine, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON REVISALS.—Paul Whitehead, *Chairman*; Perry S. Rader, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.—James S. Robertson, *Chairman*; J. W. Daniel, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.—W. B. Murrah, *Chairman*; C. E. Dowman, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.—F. D. Swindell, *Chairman*; J. R. Bingham, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION.—W. F. Barclay, *Chairman*; W. S. Baker, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES.—M. E. Benton, *Chairman*; John R. Nelson, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON COLPORTAGE.—J. E. Godbey, *Chairman*; W. H. Winton, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.—W. B. Palmore, *Chairman*; J. D. Clary, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—J. R. Pepper, *Chairman*; John O. Willson, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON EPWORTH LEAGUE.—W. F. McMurry, *Chairman*; Thomas B. King, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.—T. S. Garrison, *Chairman*; B. F. Lipscomb, *Secretary*.

Under the call for reports of special committees, the following reports were presented and adopted:

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Reports of
special
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COMMITTEE ON RULES, REPORT NO. 1.

Report No. 1
of Commit-
tee on
Rules
adopted.

The Committee on Rules has given careful attention to the paper referred on yesterday, signed by A. Coke Smith and others, and recommends that it be incorporated in the Rules of Order of the General Conference as Rule 21, as follows:

"RULE 21. All reports of committees shall be printed, paged, and folded, with numbered lines, and laid on the desks of the members at least one day before being acted upon by the General Conference."

The present Rule 21 will then become Rule 22.

Respectfully submitted: JNO. J. TIGERT, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE EPISCOPAL ADDRESS.

Report of
Committee
on Episco-
pal Ad-
dress
adopted.

The Committee on the Distribution of the Episcopal Address beg leave to report that they recommend that so much of the Address as refers to the strengthening of the Episcopacy be referred to the Committee on Episcopacy; that the sections of the Address referring to the progress of Methodism, Connectionalism, and Local Preachers be referred to the Committee on Itinerancy; that the sec-

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tion on the creation of the Order of Deaconess be referred to the Committee on Revisals; that the sections on the creation of a fund for the benefit of superannuates and on the Publishing House and the collection of the War Claim, including the Appendix, be referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests; that the sections relating to Education, Colleges, Vanderbilt University, Twentieth Century Thank Offering, and the Course of Study be referred to the Committee on Education; that the sections concerning the Missionary operations of the Church, including the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Scarritt Bible and Training School, be referred to the Committee on Missions; that the sections referring to the Woman's Home Mission Society be referred to the Committee on Church Extension; that so much of the Address as pertains to the change of boundaries in the Annual Conferences be referred to the Committee on Boundaries; that the sections referring to Sunday schools be referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools; that the sections referring to Epworth Leagues be referred to the Committee on Epworth League; and that the section on Federation be referred to a special Committee on Federation, composed of seven members to be appointed by the Bishops.

Respectfully submitted: JNO. J. TIGERT, *Chairman.*

Strother's
personal
privilege.

J. P. Strother, of the Pacific Conference, rose to a question of personal privilege, and made some statements concerning the action of the Committee on Publishing Interests four years ago at Baltimore.

Denny's
personal
privilege.

Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, rose to a question of personal privilege, and made some statements concerning the accuracy and veracity of the Report of the Book Committee.

Reeves's
personal
privilege.

E. C. Reeves, of the Holston Conference, rose to a question of personal privilege, and made some statements concerning the action of the Committee on Publishing Interests at the last General Conference.

C. C. Featherstone's
point of
order sus-
tained.

C. C. Featherstone, of the South Carolina Conference, made the point of order that under the guise of personal privilege members were expressing their opinions on, and arguing the merits of, the War Claim; and the point of order was sustained.

Report of
Board of
Education.

J. D. Hammond, Secretary of the Board of Educa-

tion, submitted the quadrennial Report of that Board, and, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Education.

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James Atkins, Sunday-school Secretary, submitted the quadrennial Report of the Sunday-school Board, and, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Report of
Sunday-
school
Board.

The following resolution was adopted:

Secretaries'
resolution
adopted.

Resolved, That the secretaries of the several standing committees be instructed to record the minutes of their respective committees in the books furnished by the Secretary of the General Conference, and that, when the committees conclude their labors, these minutes, signed by the chairman and secretary, together with the official papers remaining in the hands of the committee, be returned to the Secretary of the General Conference, to be filed in the archives of the body.

JNO. J. TIGERT,
A. F. WATKINS.

C. H. Briggs, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, moved that the Chair appoint a special committee of seven on the American Bible Society; and the motion prevailed.

Special com-
mittee on
American
Bible
Society.

A call of the Conferences was made for appeals, memorials, and petitions, and the following were introduced:

Appeals,
memorials,
and
petitions.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—Concerning the composition of a District Conference: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A proposed plan for making better provision for the support of worn-out preachers: referred to the Committee on Finance.

CHINA MISSION CONFERENCE.—Petition from C. F. Reid and W. H. Park concerning publishing interests in China: referred to the Committee on Missions.

DENVER CONFERENCE.—Memorial concerning change in marriage ceremony: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

EAST COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.—Memorial concerning episcopal residence: referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—Memorial concerning

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petitions.

change of boundary: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

GERMAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—Concerning the election of a German editor: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. Memorial concerning German Course of Studies: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—Memorial concerning the creation of a Bible Society Board: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial concerning boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Memorial concerning mission schools: referred to the Committee on Missions. Memorial concerning city missions: referred to the Committee on Missions. Memorial concerning the Bible cause: referred to the Committee on Bible Cause.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—Memorial concerning boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

JAPAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—Memorial on the removal of the time limit of native preachers: referred to the Committee on Missions.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—Memorial concerning graded Sunday schools: referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools. Memorial against the use of tobacco: referred to the Committee on Temperance. Memorial concerning the support of superannuates: referred to the Committee on Finance. Memorial concerning the Drury Knox Fund: referred to the Committee on Finance. Appeal of John Reeves: referred to the Committee on Appeals.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.—Memorial to exclude divorced persons from membership: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial to consolidate missionary periodicals: referred to the Committee on Missions. Memorial concerning change of boundary between Little Rock and East Texas Conferences: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.—Memorial concerning

the War Claim: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.—Memorial concerning the Course of Study for Epworth Leagues: referred to the Committee on Epworth League. Memorial on sending out blanks for Epworth League reports: referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—Memorial concerning the change of basis of assessments on Annual Conferences: referred to the Committee on Finance. Memorial concerning the order of deaconesses: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial concerning representation in the General Conference: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial concerning lay representation in District Conferences: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial concerning change of boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—Petition of G. W. Wilson and T. J. McGill, touching the license of preachers: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Petition from G. W. Wilson, Welborn Mooney, and W. D. Jenkins, concerning plans of Church finance: referred to the Committee on Finance. Petition from G. W. Wilson, T. J. McGill, and J. R. Bell, touching the duties of trustees of Church property: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—Memorial concerning responsibility of local preachers: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Petition concerning Joint Board of Finance: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—Memorial concerning a Methodist museum: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. Memorial concerning Conference Journals: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial concerning Conference organs: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—Memorial concerning the organization* of Conference League Boards: referred to the Committee on Epworth League. Memo-

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rial concerning the election of presidents of Epworth Leagues: referred to the Committee on Epworth League. Memorial concerning admission on trial: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial concerning ordaining undergraduates: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial concerning Joint Board of Finance: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial concerning Church certificates: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial to increase number of stewards: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial on the consolidation of Woman's missionary work: referred to the Committee on Missions. Memorial to give presidents of Annual Conferences the right to ordain: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial to change the regulation concerning temperance: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial concerning equalizing salaries of preachers: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial concerning boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—Appeal of M. E. Tumlin from the action of the North Mississippi Conference which expelled him: referred to the Committee on Appeals.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—Memorial concerning boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Memorial of Brownwood District concerning boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Memorial concerning reducing the number of juvenile societies: referred to the Committee on Epworth League. Memorial concerning city boards of missions: referred to the Committee on Missions. Memorial concerning boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Memorial concerning licensing of local preachers: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—Memorial asking for change in the ritual: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—Memorial concern-

ing the War Claim: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

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ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.—Memorial concerning change of boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Memorial concerning licensing local preachers: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—Memorial concerning the relation of the Church to common schools: referred to the Committee on Education. Memorial relative to laboring classes: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. Memorial concerning correspondence schools, preachers' institutes, etc.: referred to the Committee on Education. Appeal of B. A. Cherry: referred to the Committee on Appeals.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—Memorial on War Claim: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. Memorial on membership of divorced persons: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial on unfermented wine in sacrament: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial to amend the matrimonial covenant: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial on the Constitution of the Church: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial on codification of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial on ordination of undergraduates: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Memorial on order of deaconesses: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—Memorial concerning order of deaconesses: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.—Memorial on the War Claim: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

The following memorials were also received:

From the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, concerning change in Constitution of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

From the Woman's Board of Home Missions, asking

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petitions.

for the establishment of the order of deaconesses: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

From the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, asking for the office of deaconesses: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

From the General Board of Missions, concerning changes in the constitution of the Board of Missions: referred to the Committee on Missions.

From J. A. Burrow and W. S. Neighbors, to change the Bishops' Address on Dancing from the Appendix to the main body of Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

From Frank Richardson and others, concerning transfers: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Resolutions.

The Conferences were called for resolutions, and the following were introduced:

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—Resolutions concerning the War Claim: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.—Resolutions concerning the War Claim: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—Resolution concerning temperance, signed by W. E. Arnold and Joseph S. Chandler: referred to the Committee on Temperance. Resolutions of A. Redd, J. E. Wright, and W. E. Arnold, to change the Rules of Order: referred to the Committee on Rules. Resolutions by W. E. Arnold and J. E. Wright, concerning composition of District and Quarterly Conferences: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Resolution to limit presiding elder's term: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—Resolution from Memphis delegation concerning support of superannuates: referred to the Committee on Finance.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—Resolutions on War Claim: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.—Resolutions by J. P. Strother, concerning the War Claim: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—Resolution concerning the business of the Quarterly Conference: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Resolutions concerning appointment of presiding elders: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

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SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—Resolution concerning preacher on trial, appointed as a student: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—Resolution of J. Powell Garland to make the ninth question of the Quarterly Conference embrace the year instead of the quarter: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

On motion, Bishop Candler read to the Conference the following letter written by him to Senator Clay, to which the letter presented by the Bishops as an Appendix to their Address was a reply:

Bishop
Candler's
letter to
Senator
Clay.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24, 1902.

My Dear Senator Clay: As you know, the matter of the Publishing House claim has given our Church no little trouble.

For one I have felt and do feel the utmost disapprobation of the acts of misrepresentation practiced by the parties who had the claim in charge, and at the approaching General Conference soon to assemble in Dallas, Tex., I hope and confidently expect that those deceptive methods will be officially disavowed and condemned.

I have interpreted the final action of the Senate as exonerating the Church from blame in the case, and as eliminating the question of returning the money to the government. This seems to me to be the obvious meaning of the resolution adopted by the Senate in response to the communication of the Bishops to the Senate.

But I find some extreme men still insisting on the necessity of returning the money to the government. Such a course appears to me to be entirely impracticable, not to say impossible, and as being open to many objections of both right and propriety. It might even in some quarters be construed as, a nagging of the Senate by the Church for the sake of making a spectacular profession of extraordinary virtue.

I am jealous for the honor of the Church, and I earnestly desire that the final action of the General Conference shall not fall short in any particular of perfect wisdom and righteousness.

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Naturally, members of the Conference will seek advice of us who occupy places on the bench of Bishops, and I desire to give safe counsel to those who may seek advice of me. In order to do this, I wish to be sure that my interpretation of the Senate's resolution is correct.

As you were a member of the committee of the Senate on the report of which the action was taken, I take the liberty of addressing to you this inquiry if my view of the matter is correct. If it will not give you too much trouble, I will thank you not only to give me your opinion, but the opinion of any other Senators who may feel free to express themselves on the subject.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness in the matter, I am yours truly,

W. A. CANDLER.

P. S.—I may add that I will for the next week be in Baltimore at the home of Governor E. E. Jackson, 816 Cathedral street, and will be glad to hear from you while there, if it will not give you inconvenience.

W. A. C.

Referred to
Committee
on Pub-
lishing
Interests.

S. S. Keener, of the Louisiana Conference, moved that the letter be referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests, and the motion prevailed.

Bishop
Duncan
Chairman
Committee
on Appeals.

The Chair announced that Bishop Duncan would preside in the Committee on Appeals.

C. H. Briggs
Assistant
Secretary.

The Secretary nominated C. H. Briggs, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, as an Assistant Secretary of the General Conference; and the nomination was confirmed by the Conference.

Secretary
Committee
on Appeals.

C. H. Briggs was designated as the Secretary of the Committee on Appeals.

Resolution
adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Publishing Interests be authorized and directed to employ a stenographer to take down and write out all the proceedings of, and evidence before, that committee.

JOHN B. ROBINS,

H. E. W. PALMER,

JAMES CANNON, JR.

Adjourn-
ment.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

The doxology was sung, and Bishop Hargrove pronounced the benediction.

FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1902.

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Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

Conference meets.

Religious services were conducted by S. M. Hosmer, of the North Alabama Conference.

Religious services.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Minutes approved.

The Chair announced the Committees on Federation and American Bible Society, as follows:

Committees on Federation and American Bible Society.

COMMITTEE ON FEDERATION.—P. H. Whisner, John R. Nelson, J. P. McFerrin, J. R. Pepper, J. E. Godbey, J. Powell Garland, and Isaac Hardeman.

COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.—Frank Richardson, J. H. Weaver, J. T. Sawyer, G. B. Winton, J. G. Clinkscales, P. C. Thurmond, and C. F. Reid.

Bishop Duncan took the chair.

Bishop Duncan presides.

The following changes in committees were announced.

Changes on standing committees.

Alabama Conference: A. M. McMillan, instead of D. C. Turnipseed, on the Committee on Sunday Schools; D. C. Turnipseed, instead of S. M. Hosmer, on the Committee on Church Extension; S. M. Hosmer, instead of A. M. McMillan, on the Committee on Epworth League; A. J. Lamar, instead of W. F. Vandiver, on the Committee on Colportage.

Baltimore Conference: M. Lauck Walton, instead of A. E. Huddlestun, on the Committee on Sunday Schools; A. E. Huddlestun, placed on the Committee on Boundaries.

China Mission Conference: W. H. Park, instead of C. F. Reid, on the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Indian Mission Conference: J. M. Doss, instead of T. F. Brewer, on the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Mississippi Conference: W. M. Thornton, instead of T. L. Mellen, on the Committee on Publishing Interests.

North Georgia Conference: John B. Robins, instead of John W. Heidt, on the Committee on Revisals; W. P. Lovejoy, in place of John W. Heidt, on the Committee

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on Itinerancy; M. J. Cofer, instead of W. R. Power, on the Committee on Colportage.

Texas Conference: M. D. Fields, instead of Seth Ward, on the Committee on Sunday Schools.

T. J. Barham
seated.

T. J. Barham, lay alternate of the Virginia Conference, *vice* Richard B. Davis, absent, was recognized and seated.

Report of
Epworth
League
Board.

T. B. King, of the Memphis Conference, presented the quadrennial report of the Epworth League Board, which was, without motion, referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

Reports of
standing
commit-
tees.

Reports of standing committees were called for.

The Committee on Episcopacy presented Reports No. 1 and No. 2.

Report No. 1
Committee
on Epis-
copacy
adopted.

On motion, Report No. 2 was placed on the calendar.

On motion, the rule was suspended and Report No. 1 of the Committee on Episcopacy was adopted. (See Report, p. 199.)

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Itinerancy was presented and, under the rule, placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Missions was read and, under the rule, placed on the calendar, except so much of it as, under a suspension of the rules, was referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Committee
on Creden-
tials on
cases of
Heidt and
Power.

Reports of special committees were called for, and the Committee on Credentials reported on the cases of John W. Heidt and W. R. Power, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have carefully considered the cases of John W. Heidt, a clerical delegate, and of W. R. Power, a lay delegate, from the North Georgia Conference, whose seats in this body are disputed, and therefore the question of their rights to such seats referred to the committee. They have examined the Journal of the North Georgia Conference, and the Conference roll kept and carried on with the Journal, and have questioned the Secretary of the North Georgia Conference as to the facts appearing on said roll and Journal. They beg leave to report that they do not think that said John W. Heidt and W. R. Power are entitled to seats in this General Conference.

It is true that the Journal states that the Conference was

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entitled to a seventh delegate (both clerical and lay) after the result had been declared of the election first ordered for six lay and six clerical delegates. Without impeaching the dignity and value of the Journal as evidence in the case, it is manifest from inspection of the roll, as well as from the statement of the Secretary, that in order to give the number of 320 members of Conference, which is a fraction of two-thirds of forty-eight more than the number (288) by which the Conference was entitled to six delegates of each kind, it was necessary to include in the computation the names of three members who had died during the year. Without the names of these deceased members, the number falls short of 320, no matter what other names are included. We were informed by the Secretary that it has been the custom of the Conference for thirty years to count the deceased members in all such cases. But we cannot admit that this is a correct procedure, nor otherwise then so illegal and unsound as to vitiate the election based on such computation.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the North Georgia Conference was not entitled to elect more than six clerical and six lay delegates to the General Conference, and that the names of John W. Heidt and W. R. Power be removed from the roll of this body.

R. H. MAHON, *Chairman*.

PAUL WHITEHEAD, *Secretary*.

On motion of Anson West, of the North Alabama Conference, the report was adopted.

Report
adopted.

On motion of J. T. Gibbs, of the North Carolina Conference, the Secretary was directed to convey the greetings of this General Conference to the Southern Baptist Convention in session at Asheville, N. C.

Greetings to
Southern
Baptists.

The roll of the Conferences was called for appeals, memorials, and petitions, and the following were presented:

Appeals,
memorials,
and
petitions.

BRAZIL MISSION CONFERENCE.—A memorial for change in the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

CENTRAL MEXICO MISSION CONFERENCE.—A petition on the price of Sunday-school literature: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

DENVER CONFERENCE.—Memorial on change in the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

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memorials,
and
petitions.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—Memorial on the Bible cause: referred to the Committee on American Bible Society.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.—Petition from Cairo charge, Illinois, requesting to be transferred to the St. Louis Conference: referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Memorial from the Illinois Conference, requesting that Cairo be transferred to the St. Louis Conference: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—Memorial concerning change of boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Memorial on deaconesses: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial on Epworth Leagues: referred to the Committee on Epworth League. Memorial on lay membership in the Annual Conference: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—Memorial on change of paragraph 76 in Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial to change Discipline, question 29, page 28: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial on changes suggested in statistical report: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial on boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Memorial concerning records of baptized children: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial concerning Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial on boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

NORTHWEST MEXICAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—Memorial on licensing local preachers: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—Memorial of Mulkey Memorial Quarterly Conference on change in Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—Memorial from Murfreesboro District Conference concerning the uniting of various Church periodicals: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—Memorial

concerning change of boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Memorial concerning the order of deaconesses, the installation of stewards, and local preachers in District Conferences: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Memorial on the insurance of Church property: referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

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J. W. Kemper, lay delegate, from Montana Conference, was recognized and seated.

J. W. Kemper seated.

The roll of the Conferences was called for resolutions, and the following were presented:

Resolutions.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—Resolution on church organs: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.—Resolution on the distribution of funds to superannuated preachers: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.—Resolution for the installation of stewards: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

CHINA MISSION CONFERENCE.—Resolution to change boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—Resolution on appellate court: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Resolution on the removal of the time limit for home missionaries: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—Resolution to amend paragraph 455 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—Resolution to change Discipline, paragraph 43: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Resolution to change Discipline, paragraph 202: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Resolution to change Discipline, paragraph 417: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—Resolution on the trial of a preacher in the interval of Annual Conference: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—Resolution to

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amend paragraph 215 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—Resolution concerning Bible institute and postgraduate course: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—Resolution for change of paragraph 28 of Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Resolution concerning credentials of a minister going to another Church: referred to the Committee on Revisals. Resolution concerning drunkenness: referred to the Committee on Temperance.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—Resolution concerning traveling libraries: referred to the Committee on Colportage. Resolution to provide for election of trustees for Annual Conference property: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—Resolution to place colportage under the care of the Annual Conference: referred to the Committee on Colportage.

Resolution
touching
War Claim
tabled.

A resolution, signed by L. P. Brown and R. W. Jones, containing sundry recommendations touching the War Claim, was, on motion, laid on the table by a vote of 174 for to 63 against.

Resolution
on pub-
lishing
business
adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas the Committee on Publishing Interests has under consideration a plan for the construction of a new building for our Publishing House, therefore,

Resolved, That that committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the manufacturing or the book-selling business, or both, as now conducted by our Agents.

WILLIAM W. SMITH, W. R. WEBB,
HENRY P. HAMILL, JAMES CANNON, JR.

Resolution
as to print-
ed reports.

The following resolution was introduced:

Resolved, That the quadrennial printed reports of the various Boards, and the Address of the Bishops, as printed in the *Daily Advocate*, are recognized by the Conference as official papers, and are properly before the various committees to which they are referred by the Conference as soon as they are referred to them.

JAMES CANNON, JR.,
J. H. PRITCHETT,
B. F. LIPSCOMB.

A motion to lay this resolution on the table failed by a vote of 69 in the affirmative to 164 in the negative.

On motion, the previous question was ordered, and the resolution was adopted.

The following paper was adopted:

Whereas John W. Heidt and W. R. Power were duly certified as delegates elect from the North Georgia Conference, and as such are in attendance here; and whereas they have this day been declared not entitled to seats in this body; therefore, be it

Resolved, That their expenses incurred in coming to and returning from the seat of the Conference, and their board bills during their stay at Dallas, be paid out of the General Conference expense fund.

W. F. BARCLAY, JOS. G. BROWN,
J. R. HINDMAN, PAUL WHITEHEAD.

Gross Alexander, of the Louisville Conference, presented a paper asking for a definition of the distinction between motions and resolutions, and moved its reference to the Committee on Rules. On motion, the paper was laid on the table.

The following report was introduced under a suspension of the rules and adopted:

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE,
REPORT NO. 1.

Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence recommend that the General Conference hold a special session on Monday next, May the 12th, at 8 P.M., to hear the fraternal delegates from the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. D. W. C. Huntington, D.D., Chancellor of Nebraska Wesleyan University, and Lieutenant Governor John L. Bates, of Massachusetts.

A. COKE SMITH, *Chairman*.

S. B. ADAMS, *Secretary*.

W. E. Arnold, of the Kentucky Conference, presented a resolution which, with the incorporation of an amendment which was accepted, reads as follows:

Resolved, That in view of all that is involved in the discussion and settlement of what is known as the War Claim this General Conference does hereby designate Monday, May 12th, as a day of fasting, or abstinence, and prayer, and that all the members of this General Conference and the whole Church are invited and requested to join, as far as practicable, in fasting

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Motion to
table fails,
and reso-
lution
adopted.

Paper on
Heidt and
Power
adopted.

Alexander's
motion
tabled.

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Committee
on Frater-
nal Corre-
spondence
adopted.

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resolution
on fasting
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or abstinence and in prayer to God for his guidance and for the help of the Holy Spirit in all things pertaining to this matter, and the other important interests committed to this body.

W. E. ARNOLD,	W. W. BALL,
A. REDD,	S. B. MCCUTCHEN,
JULIUS EDWIN WRIGHT,	W. B. THOMPSON,
H. C. MORRISON,	JOHN T. SAWYER,
ROBERT T. MARSHALL,	THOMAS E. EDWARDS.

Atkins's
substitute.

James Atkins, of the Western North Carolina Conference, offered the following substitute:

Resolved, That Friday, May the 16th, be set apart as a day of abstinence and special prayer for divine guidance in the issues before this body.

B. F. LIPSCOMB,	JOHN O. WILLSON,
JAMES ATKINS,	JAMES BUTTRICK.

Substitute
lost, and;
original
paper
adopted.

The previous question was ordered. The vote being taken on the substitute, it was lost by a vote of 92 in the affirmative and 149 in the negative. The vote recurring on the original paper offered by W. E. Arnold, it was adopted.

Motion to
reconsider
tabled.

W. W. Smith, of the Virginia Conference, moved to reconsider, that he might introduce an amendment as to the date.

E. W. Alderson, of the North Texas Conference, moved that the motion to reconsider lie on the table; and the motion prevailed.

Howell's mo-
tion for
unanimous
vote fails.

J. W. Howell, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, moved that the vote by which W. E. Arnold's paper was adopted be made unanimous. Objection being made, Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, arose to the point of order that no such motion could be in order if a single dissenting voice was heard; and his point of order was sustained.

Alternates
allowed
seats.

W. F. Tillet, of the Tennessee Conference, moved that alternates who were present should be allowed to occupy seats on the Conference floor; and the motion prevailed.

Lovejoy's
question of
privilege.

W. P. Lovejoy, of the North Georgia Conference, arose to a question of personal privilege, and made a further statement concerning his relation to the Book Committee and their report.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

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The doxology was sung, and on invitation of the Chair the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Huntington, fraternal delegate of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Adjourn-
ment.

FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, MAY 12, 1902.

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Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Duncan in the chair.

Conference
meets.

Religious services were conducted by Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference. It being the day appointed by the General Conference for fasting and prayer, Bishop Duncan called on Josephus Anderson, of the Florida Conference, who again led the Conference in prayer.

Religious
services.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Minutes
approved.

Bishop Galloway took the chair.

Bishop
Galloway
presides.

James P. Leavel, lay alternate of the Missouri Conference, was recognized and seated, *vice* T. H. Wagner, absent, and placed on the Committee on Finance.

J. P. Leavel
seated.

W. H. Park, of the China Mission Conference, was announced as being on the Committee on Publishing Interests instead of C. F. Reid.

Changes on
standing
commit-
tees.

H. C. Gay, of the East Columbia Conference, was announced as taking the place of G. H. Gibbs on the following committees, namely: Revisals, Sunday Schools, Temperance, Publishing Interests, Colportage, Appeals, and Episcopacy.

Reports of standing committees were called for.

Reports of
standing
commit-
tees.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Temperance was read and, under the rule, placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Boundaries was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Finance was read. On motion, the rule was suspended, and the report put on its passage.

Report No. 1
on Fi-
nance.

W. F. Barclay, of the Louisville Conference, moved to amend by including the expenses of the bishops; and the amendment prevailed.

Barclay's
amend-
ment.

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Report
adopted.

Special com-
mittees.

Committee
on Episco-
pal Ad-
dress dis-
charged.

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memorials,
and
petitions.

On motion, the report as amended was adopted. (See Report, p. 247.)

Reports of special committees were called for.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved that the Committee on the Distribution of the Episcopal Address, having completed the duty assigned it, be discharged; and the motion prevailed.

The roll of the Conferences was called for appeals, memorials, and petitions, and the following were presented:

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—A memorial on the consolidation of our Church papers: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. A memorial concerning Church Conferences: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial concerning local preachers in the General Conference: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial on missionary literature: referred to the Committee on Missions.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.—A petition and papers concerning change of boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning blanks for Annual Conference reports: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning change of boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—A petition concerning trial of preachers: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial concerning Church-press steward: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE. — A memorial concerning form of certificate of membership: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial for leave to divide: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE. — A petition concerning parsonages: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

The roll of the Conferences was called for resolutions, and the following were presented:

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ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.—A resolution on Committee on Admissions: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

JAPAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning Methodist union in Japan: referred to the Committee on Missions.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—A petition concerning change in the relation of supernumeraries: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning questions to be asked in the Annual Conference: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A resolution to provide a Board of Insurance: referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—A resolution to amend paragraph concerning the Publishing House: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning the Publishing House: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. A memorial to amend the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTHWEST MEXICAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning appointment of presiding elders: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning questions in Quarterly Conference: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

W. W. Smith, of the Virginia Conference, introduced a resolution providing for the adjournment of Conference immediately on the completion of the call for resolutions.

Smith's resolution for adjournment.

A member calling for the second reading of the paper, when it was read, I. W. Clark, of the North Texas Conference, moved that the paper be laid on the table.

Motion to table.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, rose to the point of order that the paper was simply read again at the request of a member, and that W. W. Smith was

Tigert's point of order sustained.

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still in possession of the floor. And the Chair ruled the point well taken.

McLean's
amend-
ment
adopted.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, moved as an amendment that the Conference adjourn at twelve o'clock.

Paper as
amended
lost.

The previous question was ordered, and the amendment was adopted by a vote of 139 for to 64 against. The question recurring on the paper of W. W. Smith, as amended, it was lost by a vote of 94 in the affirmative to 118 in the negative.

Memorials.

On motion of Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, the call for memorials, etc., was again made. The following were introduced:

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.—A memorial on the General Superintendency: referred to the Committee on Episcopacy. A memorial to change certain paragraphs in the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning changes in the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Bishop A. W. Wilson presented a memorial from the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Meeting to
receive
fraternal
delegates.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet this evening at eight o'clock to receive the fraternal messengers from the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the motion prevailed.

Dr. Hoss's
report as
delegate to
M. E.
Church.

E. E. Hoss, of the Holston Conference, presented his report as fraternal delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as follows:

DALLAS, TEX., May 12, 1902.

To the Bishops and Members of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: I have the great honor to report that, having been duly appointed as your fraternal messenger to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I visited that body during its session of 1900 in the city of Chicago. The reception given me as your representative was quite as cordial as could have been asked or desired. Nothing was left undone that might contribute to my comfort.

I shall never forget the beautiful courtesy which was shown me in many ways. A large and kindly audience listened to my address. I am happy to believe that there is a deep and growing feeling of affection toward us on the part of our brethren who, though separated from us in organization, are one with us in the kingdom and patience of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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With great respect,

E. E. Hoss.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

Adjourn-
ment.

The doxology was sung, and Bishop Galloway pronounced the benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference, pursuant to adjournment, met at 8:15 P.M., for the reception of the fraternal delegates from the Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop Wilson in the chair.

Conference
meets.

Bishop Wilson announced Hymn 194:

Religious
service.

I love thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of thine abode,

which was sung by the Conference.

Bishop Key led in prayer.

The Secretary read the credentials of the fraternal delegates, as follows:

Credentials
of fraternal
delegates.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF BISHOPS, ST. LOUIS, MO.,
March 4, 1902.

*To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church,
South.*

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Pursuant to the request of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church made at its session in the city of Chicago, Ill., in May, 1900, the Bishops have appointed as fraternal messengers to your venerable body the Rev. DeWitt C. Huntington, D.D., a highly esteemed minister of the gospel in the Nebraska Conference of our Church, and the Hon. John L. Bates, Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

They will bear to you assurances of the respect and affection cherished among us toward a Church which we are glad to recognize as one with us in origin, in doctrines, in usage, in aim, and in spirit, and they will express our joy at your enlarging fields of labor and your increasing usefulness.

They will also inform you of the prosperity which still attends our work at home and in foreign mission fields; and they will declare our earnest desire that the Methodist com-

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munions of America may walk in the full fellowship of the Spirit, and become in labors more abundant for the establishment of the kingdom of our common Lord and Saviour, both in our beloved land and throughout the world.

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JAMES N. FITZGERALD, *Secretary.*

Dr. Hun-
tington's
address.

Bishop Wilson then introduced the Rev. Dr. Huntington, who, for the space of more than an hour, held the close and approving attention of the General Conference to his most appropriate fraternal address, couched in delicately and appositely chosen terms. (See p. 255.)

Gov. Bates's
address.

Bishop Wilson introduced the Hon. John L. Bates, who, in his glowing and stirring periods, won the hearts of his auditors in the discharge of the mission with which he was intrusted. (See p. 270.)

Bishop
Wilson's
response.

Bishop Wilson uttered a few words of appropriate response, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Huntington.

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Conference
meets.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Galloway in the chair.

Religious
service.

Religious services were conducted by T. L. Mellen, of the Mississippi Conference.

Minutes
approved.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The minutes of the evening session of yesterday were also read and approved.

Bishop
Hendrix
in chair.

Bishop Hendrix took the chair.

Changes in
commit-
tees.

The following changes in committees were announced:

Southwest Missouri Conference: M. E. Benton instead of J. W. Howell on the Committee on Publishing Interests; C. B. Rhodes instead of M. E. Benton on the Committee on Church Extension.

G. M. Gibson
seated.

Missouri Conference: G. M. Gibson, clerical alternate, *vice* John Anderson, sick, was recognized and seated, and placed on the Committee on Publishing Interests instead of John Anderson.

On motion, John Anderson was granted leave of absence.

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North Alabama Conference: J. T. Morris instead of Thomas Bradford on the Committee on Finance.

John Anderson granted leave.

South Carolina Conference: B. G. Gregg, lay alternate, was recognized and seated, *vice* George E. Prince, absent, and placed on the Committee on Church Extension.

B. G. Gregg seated.

The Secretary read the following communication from Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald:

Communication from Bishop Fitzgerald.

NASHVILLE, May 8, 1902.

General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now in Session, Dallas, Tex.

DEAR BRETHREN: I had hoped to see your faces in General Conference assembled, and to participate with you in my measure in the labors and the hallowed enjoyments of the session; but my strength is unequal to the journey to the seat of the Conference, and I take this method of communication with you. My special object in writing is to ask that, in view of my enfeebled condition, you will take into consideration the matter of my future relation to the Church. My heart is as willing for service as ever, but my strength is small. I herewith express the hope that it may be your pleasure to release me from official duties, while I shall always be ready to do any work for God and his Church that may be within the scope of my ability.

The unfailing mercies of God demand my grateful acknowledgment in this place. He has been long-suffering and full of tender mercy in his dealing with me every day of my life. In the midst of the deep waters he is with me now. Through his grace abiding and abounding, I hope to be faithful until death. The Church of my choice and my love has been very patient and magnanimous in her dealing with me. Her arms of love have been around me all my life. She has borne with my limitations and honored me far beyond my deserts. I gave her loving service while my strength lasted. For her my prayers shall ever ascend while I have breath. In whatever relation I may be placed for the future, to her my cares and toils will be given.

To my colleagues I would express heartfelt gratitude for their uniform brotherly kindness and readiness to speak a friendly word and extend a helping hand in the midst of the disabilities and trials which have fallen to my lot. Any words of thanks at my command would seem cold and formal.

For every member of this General Conference, and for all

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the million and a half of souls they represent, I feel the sincerest Christian affection. Any differences of opinion that may exist with regard to matters which touch us closely do not involve alienation of hearts. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. Let brotherly love continue.

I thank the General Conference for its expression of sympathy for me and my home circle in our great sorrow.

My message and my testimony I would send in the language of the holy apostle, in Romans v. 1-5: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

Yours in that living hope,

O. P. FITZGERALD.

Referred to
Committee
on Epis-
copacy.

On motion of J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, this communication of Bishop Fitzgerald's was referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

Response of
Baptist
Convention.

The Secretary read the following response of the Southern Baptist Convention to the greetings of this General Conference:

ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 12, 1902.

JNO. J. TIGERT, Secretary of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Dallas, Tex.:

The Southern Baptist Convention responds to your fraternal greetings with wishes for great blessing upon all your churches. 2 Peter i. 2-4.

LANSING BURROUGHS.

O. F. GREGOR, *Secretary*.

Reports of
standing
commit-
tees.

The roll of standing committees was called for reports, and the following were presented:

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Revisals was read.

On motion, the rules were suspended and section 3 was referred to the Committee on Church Extension. The remainder of the report went to the calendar under the rule.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read, and, on motion of E. G. Moseley, of the Virginia Conference, it was recommitted.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Education was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

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Report No. 2 of the Committee on Missions was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Itinerancy was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

The roll of special committees was called, but no reports were presented.

Special committees.

The roll of the Conferences was called for appeals, memorials, and petitions, and the following were presented:

Appeals,
memorials,
and
petitions.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A petition concerning the Woman's Home Mission Society: referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

BRAZIL MISSION CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning publishing interests: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning the educational work of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America: referred to the Committee on Education.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE. — A memorial concerning boards of education in Annual Conferences: referred to the Committee on Education.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—A memorial on Church periodicals: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning Annual Conference blanks: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A memorial on local preachers: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning union of Methodisms in Japan: referred to the Committee on Missions.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.—A memorial asking for opening work under Board of Missions: referred to the Committee on Missions.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE. — A memorial concerning

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membership in Quarterly Conference: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Resolutions.

The roll of the Conferences was called for resolutions, and the following were introduced:

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A resolution to change paragraph 247 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Education.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.—A resolution requesting a definite statement concerning Christian education: referred to the Committee on Education.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—A resolution providing for stewards' reports in the Conference: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning the duty of stewards: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.—A resolution to change paragraph 210 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—A resolution to hold the next session of the General Conference in Louisville, Ky.: referred to the Committee on General Conference Entertainment.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—A resolution to change the Discipline, paragraph 417: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning Annual Conference Minutes: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A resolution on local preachers: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution to amend paragraph 86 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—A resolution in reference to a catechism: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.—A resolution asking for the

creation of the office of deaconess: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

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SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE. — A resolution to change paragraph 169 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Resolutions.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE. — A resolution concerning Children's Day: referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE. — Action of the Tennessee Conference on the character of Dr. J. D. Barbee and the War Claim: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE. — A resolution of A. Coke Smith and others to change paragraph 76 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution concerning stewards: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE. — A resolution asking for changes in the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution asking to change paragraph 472 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution to change paragraph 471 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution asking for a special committee on installation of stewards: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

The following resolutions were presented:

Resolution
instructing
Committee
on Pub-
lishing In-
terests.

Whereas it is of the utmost importance that the War Claim question be brought to an early termination by the General Conference, therefore be it

Resolved by this body. That the Committee on Publishing Interests be, and is hereby, instructed to meet at once to consider said question, and to hold as long and as frequent sessions as may be necessary to enable it to make an early report to the Conference.

Resolved, further, That the members of said committee be excused from all duties on this floor until said report is made.

GEORGE M. NAPIER,
H. WARREN HILL.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved to amend by striking out the second resolution concern-

Tigert's
amend-
ment ac-
cepted.

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ing the excusing of the members from their duties on the floor of the General Conference, and the amendment was accepted.

Rankin's
motion to
table not
enter-
tained.

G. C. Rankin, of the North Texas Conference, moved to lay the resolutions on the table, and Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, rose to the point of order that it was not in order to make a motion to table at the close of an address. The Chair ruled the point well taken.

Simpson's
motion to
table pre-
vails.

John D. Simpson, of the North Alabama Conference, renewed the motion to lay the resolutions on the table; and, on a division, the paper was laid on the table by a vote of 160 in the affirmative to 68 in the negative.

Resolution
as to Apos-
tles' Creed.

A resolution from the Virginia Conference, instructing the Committee on Revisals to inquire into the matter of a uniform text of the Apostles' Creed, was read, and, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Announce-
ments by
Local
Committee.

B. M. Burgher, of the North Texas Conference, made some announcements on behalf of the Local Committee concerning the entertainment of delegates.

Concerning
fans, etc.

A resolution from delegates of the Virginia Conference, concerning fans and other comforts for the General Conference was read, and, on motion, it was laid on the table.

Bishops
holding
District
Confer-
ences.

A resolution signed by S. S. Keener, A. J. Lamar, and others, concerning the holding of District Conferences by the bishops, was read, and, on motion, it was laid on the table.

Fraternal
Committee
retire.

On motion, the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence were permitted to retire for a meeting.

Calendar
taken up.

The calendar was taken up.

Rule to print
reports
suspended.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved the suspension of the rule concerning the printing of reports, and his motion unanimously prevailed.

Report No. 2
on Episco-
pacy
adopted.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Episcopacy was taken up, and, on motion of J. H. Pritchett, it was adopted. (See Report, page 199.)

Report No. 1
on Missions
adopted.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Missions was read.

On motion of Anson West, of the North Alabama Conference, it was adopted. (See Report, page 229.)

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Report No. 1 of the Committee on Itinerancy was read, and, on motion, it was adopted. (See Report, page 200.)

Report No. 1
on Itiner-
ancy
adopted.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Temperance was read. On motion of Jno. J. Tigert, it was amended by making it the duty of the Sunday-school Editor, instead of the Secretary of the General Conference, to communicate with the International Lesson Committee; and the report as amended was adopted. (See Report, page 240.)

Report No. 1
on Temper-
ance
amended
and
adopted.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Boundaries was read, and, on motion, it was adopted. (See Report, page 236.)

Report No. 1
on Bound-
aries
adopted.

The Secretary presented a communication concerning chaplains in the Navy of the United States, and, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Chaplains in
the Navy.

A memorial from the Southwest Missouri Conference was presented, and was referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Memorial re-
ferred.

The following resolutions from the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence were unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolutions
on frater-
nal ad-
dresses
adopted.

Resolved, 1. That we have heard with great delight the addresses of the fraternal delegates from the Methodist Episcopal Church, and beg to assure them of our hearty reciprocation of their assurances of love and regard, and join them in prayer for the blessing of God upon our common Methodism.

Resolved, 2. That we have greatly enjoyed our social communion with our brethren, and shall be glad to have them remain with us to the close of our session.

A. COKE SMITH, *Chairman*.

The name of J. W. Kemper, of the Montana Conference, was substituted for that of R. B. Smith on the following committees: Itinerancy, Missions, Church Extension, Temperance, Sunday Schools, and Colportage.

Changes on
commit-
tees.

Dr. H. B. Parks, Missionary Secretary of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and fraternal messenger

Dr. Parks, of
A. M. E.
Church, in-
troduced.

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to this General Conference, was presented to the Chair, and by him introduced to the General Conference.

Dr. Huntington on temperance.

D. C. Kelley, of the Tennessee Conference, moved that the section on temperance in the fraternal address of Dr. Huntington be referred to the Committee on Temperance; and the motion prevailed.

Special Committee on Sabbath Observance appointed.

E. E. Hoss, of the Holston Conference, moved the appointment of a special committee of seven on Sabbath Observance; and the motion prevailed.

The Chair announced the committee as follows: E. E. Hoss, A. Coke Smith, Seth Ward, J. W. Daniel, R. D. Smart, J. O. Branch, P. H. Whisner.

Lists of committees for Daily Advocate.

C. W. White, of the Florida Conference, moved that a special committee of two be appointed to procure corrections of the lists of standing committees from the Secretary for the use of the *Daily Advocate*; and the motion prevailed.

Statement of members of Committee on Publishing Interests.

J. J. N. Kenney, of the Pacific Conference, presented a statement of J. P. Strother, John Anderson, W. F. Glenn, and W. W. Ball, members of the Committee on Publishing Interests of the last General Conference, concerning proceedings of that committee.

Whitehead's point of order.

While the Secretary was reading the paper, Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, rose to the point of order that certain language in the paper was discourteous and unparliamentary.

Glenn's disclaimer.

W. F. Glenn, of the North Georgia Conference, disclaimed any purpose of discourtesy.

Motion to strike out objectionable language.

Paul Whitehead moved that the language objected to be stricken out.

Reading of paper ordered.

R. D. Smart, of the St. Louis Conference, moved as a substitute that the Secretary complete the reading of the paper; and the reading of the paper was ordered by a vote of 128 in the affirmative to 114 in the negative.

Rev. Mr. Wiseman, of Wesleyan Church, presented.

The Rev. F. Luke Wiseman, B.A., fraternal messenger from the Wesleyan Methodist Church, was presented to the Chair by the chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, and by the Chair introduced to the Conference.

John O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference, gave notice that in due time other members of the Committee on Publishing Interests would make reply to the paper signed by J. P. Strother, W. F. Glenn, and others.

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Willson's notice of reply.

On motion, it was ordered that the paper presented be printed and referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Paper ordered printed and referred.

The following resolution was adopted :

Greetings to C. M. E. Church.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this General Conference be instructed to wire fraternal greetings from this body to the General Conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America, now in session at Nashville, Tenn.

V. A. GODBEY,
A. J. WEEKS,
J. D. HAMMOND.

Notice was given that the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence would ask to-morrow for the appointment of a special session on Wednesday at 8 P.M. for the reception of the fraternal delegates of the British Wesleyan Methodist Church and the Methodist Church in Canada.

Request for special session to receive fraternal delegates.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

Adjournment.

The doxology was sung, and on invitation of the Chair the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. F. Luke Wiseman, fraternal delegate from the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1902. **MAY 14.**
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The Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Hendrix in the chair.

Conference meets.

Religious services were conducted by J. E. Godbey, of the Little Rock Conference.

Religious services.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Minutes approved.

A committee of two to revise the lists of the standing committees was announced, as follows: A. F. Watkins and J. M. Barcus.

Committee announced.

Bishop Key took the chair.

Bishop Key presides.

Reports of standing committees were called for.

Reports of standing committees.

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Report No. 3 of the Committee on Episcopacy was read and, under the rule, placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Church Extension was read and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Rule sus-
pended.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Epworth League was read, and, on motion, the rule was suspended and section third was referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. The remainder of the report, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1
on Appeals
to record.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Appeals was read and, without vote, went to record. (See Report, p. 246.)

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Finance was read and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

Reports of
special
commit-
tees.

Reports from special committees were called for.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Rules was read and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

A report by the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence and Introduction was read, and, on motion, recommended.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Bible Cause was read and, under the rule, placed on the calendar.

Dr. Hunting-
ton and
Gov. Bates
take leave.

The Chair introduced Dr. Huntington and Governor Bates, fraternal messengers from the Methodist Episcopal Church, who bade the Conference farewell, in a few appropriate and warmly received words.

Bishop Key's
response.

Bishop Key made fitting response to the farewell speeches of the delegates.

Appeals,
memorials,
and peti-
tions.

The roll of the Conferences was called for appeals, memorials, and petitions, and the following were presented:

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning Conference boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.—A memorial asking that the Illinois Conference be made a Mission Conference: referred to the Committee on Missions.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning

certificates of Church membership: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. **MAY 14.**
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MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—A petition concerning license to preach granted by Quarterly Conference: referred to the Committee on Revisals. **Appeals, memorials, and petitions.**

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A memorial from the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions: referred to the Committee on Missions.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE. — A memorial concerning Quarterly Conference business: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning change of boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning change of boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

The roll of the Conferences was called for resolutions, **Resolutions.** and the following were presented:

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE. — A resolution concerning the education of young preachers: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning parsonages: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE. — A resolution concerning the Drury Knox Fund: referred to the Committee on Finance.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning amendment of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning missions in Western Conferences: referred to the Committee on Missions.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution with reference to trustees: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—Resolutions concerning duties of preacher in charge: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

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J. W. Bos-
well's re-
quest
granted.

Bishop Hen-
drix's re-
port as fra-
ternal mes-
senger to
the British
Wesleyan
Confer-
ence.

J. W. Boswell asked that resolutions concerning cat-
echism, which had been referred to the Committee on
Publishing Interests, be referred to the Committee on
Sunday Schools; and it was so ordered.

Bishop Hendrix presented his report as fraternal mes-
senger to the British Wesleyan Conference, and it was
read, as follows:

To the Bishops and Members of the General Conference.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: It becomes my pleasant
duty to report my mission as your fraternal messenger to the
Wesleyan Methodist Conference held at Burslem, England, in
July, 1900, as well as to the Irish Wesleyan Methodist Confer-
ence in Belfast, Ireland, the previous month. The latter body,
presided over by the President of the former, is so closely re-
lated to the British Conference that one accredited to the
British Conference is always claimed as equally accredited to
the Irish Conference. It was at the invitation of leading of-
ficials and members of the Irish Conference that I accordingly
visited that body.

By each of these bodies my reception as fraternal messenger
was of the most cordial, not to say of an enthusiastically Meth-
odist, character; having frequent reminders of the maternal
interest which both English and Irish Methodists have in the
land where Methodism has taken the deepest root since plant-
ed one hundred and fifty years ago by Strawbridge and Em-
bury, and fostered by Asbury and Coke.

Every opportunity was given, whether in the stationing
committee in London in advance of the Conference at Burs-
lem, or during its pastoral and mixed sessions, to witness the
proceedings which contribute to the unity, integrity, and ef-
ficiency of Wesleyan Methodism. Delightful fellowship was
begun or renewed with many of the devout and able minis-
ters and laymen of the mother Church. It was a sacred priv-
ilege, aside from delivering my fraternal message to a great
audience in Victoria Hall, Handley, and preaching the second
Sunday of its session in the Conference church, to address a
class of young ministers about to be received and to aid in
laying on of hands at their formal consecration. The ties
which bind our two Methodisms are growing closer each
quadrennium, and only the separating ocean divides the sons
of Wesley, who are one in doctrine, in experience, and large-
ly in polity—a polity fully realized in America, and which
only the peculiar relation of the Established Church has mod-
ified in Great Britain.

Very respectfully,

EUGENE R. HENDRIX.

On motion of J. O. Branch, of the South Georgia Conference, a memorial from the Sunday League of America was referred to the Committee on Sabbath Observance.

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Sunday
League of
America.

J. R. Pepper, of the Memphis Conference, asked that a certain memorial on Church-press stewards presented yesterday, and referred to the Committee on Revisals, be now referred to the Committee on Colportage. The request was granted.

Church-
press stew-
ards.

Dr. A. Coke Smith presented his report as fraternal messenger to the Methodist Church in Canada, which was read as follows:

Dr. A. Coke
Smith's re-
port as fra-
ternal mes-
senger to
Church in
Canada.

DALLAS, TEX., May 14, 1902.

To the Bishops and Members of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Having been by your authority commissioned as fraternal delegate from our Church to the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, which met in the city of Toronto in September, 1898, I attended that Conference, and was received with distinguished courtesy and welcomed in the name of Christ our Lord. My message was cordially heard by a large and distinguished audience, and every kindness was shown me that could have been desired. Nothing was left undone that could have been done to assure me as your representative of a heartfelt welcome. It was with great pleasure that I listened to their deliberations and marked their zeal in the cause of Christ our Lord. And on my departure they begged me to bear to you their assurances of love and prayers for your welfare and prosperity.

It gives me joy to bear testimony to their brotherly spirit toward you as manifested in their reception and treatment of your fraternal messenger.

Yours in the service of Christ,

A. COKE SMITH.

Jno. J. Tigert moved the suspension of the rule requiring the reports to be printed, so that we may now take up what is on the calendar. The motion prevailed.

Rule sus-
pended.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Revisals was taken up and, on motion of Paul Whitehead, considered item by item.

Report No. 1
on Revi-
sals.

Item 1 was, on motion, adopted.

Item 1 adopt-
ed.

Item 2 was read and a motion made for its adoption.

Item 2 read.

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Mahon's motion to amend.

R. H. Mahon, of the Memphis Conference, moved to amend, by adding the words, "that if any vacancy should occur by the removal of a member from his district."

Report tabled.

B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, moved that the remainder of the report be tabled until a report be submitted from the Committee on Finance. The motion prevailed. (See Report, p. 215.)

Report No. 1 on Education.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Education was taken from the calendar and read.

Murrah's statement.

W. B. Murrah, of the North Mississippi Conference, was granted permission to make a general statement concerning the report.

Report considered item by item.

Gross Alexander moved that we take up this report item by item, and the motion prevailed.

Tillett's statement.

W. F. Tillett was granted the privilege of making a general statement concerning the whole report.

Extension of time not allowed.

The time allowed for one speaker by the rule having expired, E. E. Hoss moved the suspension of the rule, that W. F. Tillett might be allowed indefinite time. A division of the vote was called for, and 94 votes being cast for the motion to suspend and 82 against, the motion did not prevail.

Item 1 read.

Item 1 of the report was taken up and read.

Hammond begins discussion.

J. D. Hammond, of the North Georgia Conference, began a discussion of the report.

Declared out of order.

B. F. Lipscomb rose to the point of order that Dr. Hammond was discussing the report in general and not item 1. The point was ruled as well taken, and Dr. Hammond yielded the floor.

Item 1 adopted.

On motion, item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 read.

Item 2 was read. An amendment was offered that two hours per week for two years, instead of for one year, be required. The amendment was tabled.

Amendment tabled.

Item 2 adopted.

On motion, item 2 was adopted.

Fraternal address of Dr. Parks.

A. Coke Smith moved a suspension of regular business in order that the Conference may at this time hear the fraternal messenger, Rev. Dr. H. B. Parks, from the African Methodist Episcopal Church in America, and the motion prevailed. Dr. Parks was presented to the

Chair and by him introduced to the Conference, and delivered his fraternal address, which was listened to with marked attention by the Conference. (See p. 279.)

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A. Coke Smith moved that the Conference order a special session on Friday night to hear the fraternal messengers from the British Wesleyan Connection and the Methodist Church of Canada. The motion prevailed.

Special session to hear fraternal messengers.

I. W. Clark, for the Committee on Public Worship, made some announcements.

Sundry announcements.

B. M. Burgher made a statement in the interests of the Committee on Entertainment and an announcement for a Sunday-school mass meeting.

Consideration of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Education was resumed.

Consideration of Report No. 1 on Education resumed.

T. B. King, of the Memphis Conference, moved the pending question, and the motion prevailed.

On motion, item 3 was adopted.

Item 3 adopted.

S. S. Keener, of the Louisiana Conference, moved that the Conference do now adjourn. A division was called for, and 150 votes being cast in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Keener's motion to adjourn prevails.

After sundry announcements were made, the Conference sang the doxology, and adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Parks, fraternal messenger of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Adjournment.

EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1902.

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Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Key in the chair.

Conference meets.

Religious services were conducted by C. F. Reid, of the China Mission Conference.

Religious services.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Minutes approved.

Bishop Candler took the chair.

Bishop Candler presides.

A telegram in response to the greetings sent the General Conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church was read, and, on motion, it was spread on the Journal, as follows:

Greetings from C. M. E. Church.

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NASHVILLE, TENN., May 14, 1902.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Dallas, Tex.:

The General Conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America reciprocates greetings. "The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." (Num. vi. 25, 26.)

F. M. HAMILTON, *Secretary.*

L. Blaylock
seated.

L. Blaylock, lay alternate of the North Texas Conference, was recognized and seated, *vice* R. C. Dial, absent, and placed on the Committee on Temperance.

W. R. Power
seated.

H. W. Hill, lay delegate of the North Georgia Conference, was granted leave of absence; and W. R. Power, lay alternate of that Conference, was recognized and seated in his place, and placed on the Committee on Church Extension.

Change on
committee.

F. B. Sinex, of the Northwest Texas Conference, was assigned to the Committee on Finance instead of B. H. Woods, Jr.

Winton's motion to reconsider.

W. H. Winton, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, moved a reconsideration of the action by which item 3 of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Education was adopted on yesterday.

Laid on table.

On motion, W. H. Winton's motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Greetings to
Presbyterian Assemblies.

On motion of W. C. Black, of the Mississippi Conference, it was ordered that the greetings of this Conference be telegraphed to the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church at Jackson, Miss., and also to the Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church now in session at Springfield, Mo.; and the motion prevailed.

Reports of
standing committees.

The reports of standing committees were called for.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Revisals was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Missions was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Boundaries was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Finance was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar. MAY 15.
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Report No. 3 of the Committee on Itinerancy was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Reports of special committees were called for, but none were presented.

Reports of
special
commit-
tees.

The roll of the Conferences was called for appeals, memorials, and petitions.

Appeals,
memorials,
and peti-
tions.

Bishop Hargrove presented a paper, signed by official members of our Church in Nashville, and, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A petition concerning local preachers: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.—A petition to amend paragraph 319 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.—Papers from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union: referred to the Committee on Temperance. Change in section 98 of Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A petition concerning statistical blanks: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

The roll of the Conferences was called for resolutions, and the following were presented: Resolutions.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning change of paragraph 86 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

CENTRAL MEXICO MISSION CONFERENCE.—A resolution on temperance: referred to the Committee on Temperance.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning Boards of Missions: referred to the Committee on Missions.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—The following resolution was presented: Order of
Rule 21.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this General Conference be instructed to make such arrangement as will insure compliance with the order of Rule 21.

JAMES CANNON, JR.,
W. W. VICAR.

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Referred to
Committee
on Rules.

Action re-
considered.

Smith's
amend-
ment.

Alexander's
substitute
prevails.

Assistant
Secretary
elected.

Palmer's
resolution.

Request as to
papers on
local
preachers
granted.

Minority re-
port on
Itinerancy.

Reply of
majority of
Committee
on Publish-
ing Inter-
ests or-
dered
printed.

Denny's pa-
per also
ordered
printed.

Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, moved that it be referred to the Committee on Rules, and the motion prevailed.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved a reconsideration of the action by which the resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules; and the motion prevailed.

A. Coke Smith, of the Virginia Conference, moved an amendment that the words "Secretary of the General Conference" be stricken out, and the words "publishers of the *Daily Advocate*" be substituted.

Gross Alexander, of the Louisville Conference, moved as a substitute that an additional Secretary be elected who should be charged with the duty of attending to the printing ordered by Rule 21; and the motion prevailed.

On nomination of T. B. King and Jno. J. Tigert, Gross Alexander was unanimously elected as Assistant Secretary to discharge the beforementioned duties.

On motion of H. E. W. Palmer, of the North Georgia Conference, a resolution from the North Georgia Conference on Sunday-school periodicals was presented and referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

E. W. Alderson, of the North Texas Conference, asked that all papers concerning the status of local preachers, which had been referred to the Committee on Revisals be referred to the Committee on Itinerancy; and, on motion, the request was granted.

A minority report of the Committee on Itinerancy, presented in connection with Report No. 3 of the Committee on Itinerancy was presented, and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

J. O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference, presented a paper embodying the reply of the majority of the Committee on Publishing Interests to the paper heretofore presented by a minority of that committee; and, on motion, it was ordered to be printed and referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, also presented a paper in reply, which, on motion, was ordered

to be printed and referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

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J. P. Strother, under a question of personal privilege, read a paper written by him within a month after his return from the General Conference in Baltimore.

Strother's
paper read
and re-
ferred.

J. H. McLean moved its reference to the Committee on Publishing Interests, and the motion prevailed.

A. F. Watkins, of the Mississippi Conference, moved that the rules be suspended, and that section 7 of Report No. 3 of the Committee on Itinerancy be taken up and referred to the Committee on Episcopacy; and the motion prevailed, the remainder of the report being returned to its place on the calendar.

Section 7 of
Report No.
3 on Itin-
erancy.

The Chair called on the Secretary to state the unfinished business on adjournment of the Conference yesterday.

Unfinished
business.

The Secretary stated that items 1, 2, and 3 of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Education had been adopted, and read item 4 of that report.

Item 4 of Re-
port No. 1
on Educa-
tion read.

S. S. Keener and M. J. Cofer offered an amendment to item 4, section 1, which was read.

Keener's
amend-
ment.

Seth Ward, of the Texas Conference, moved that this amendment lie on the table, but the motion did not prevail.

Motion to
table not
adopted.

Gross Alexander, of the Louisville Conference, rose to the point of order that the amendment was out of order because it was self-contradictory. The Chair ruled the point not well taken.

Alexander's
point of
order not
sustained.

J. D. Simpson, of the North Alabama Conference, moved an amendment to S. S. Keener's amendment to strike out the language of the paragraph; and Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved that the amendment and the amendment to the amendment lie on the table because of the evident self-contradictory character of the former; and the motion prevailed.

Simpson's
amend-
ment to
Keener's.

Both amend-
ments
tabled.

E. E. Hoss, of the Holston Conference, moved the following amendment to section 2 of item 4:

Hoss's
amend-
ment to
section 2
of item 4.

Strike out in section 2 of item 4, "if they see fit," and insert "if the Conferences see fit," and then strike out the rest of the paragraph.

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substitute.Pending
question
ordered.Substitute
rejected.Cannon's
point of
order.Declared not
well taken.Cannon's ap-
peal.Decision of
Chair sus-
tained.Item 4 as
amended
by Hoss
adopted.Item 5
adopted.

Item 6 read.

Cannon's
amend-
ment.

A. M. Williams, of the South Georgia Conference, moved as a substitute that the whole of section 2 of item 4 be stricken out.

J. P. Hilburn, of the Florida Conference, moved the pending question, and the pending question was ordered.

The vote recurring on the substitute of A. M. Williams, a division was called for, and the substitute was lost by 72 votes in the affirmative to 127 in the negative.

The Chair, proceeding to put the question on the amendment of E. E. Hoss, James Cannon, Jr., rose to the point of order that the previous question was exhausted by the vote just taken.

The Chair declared the point of order not well taken.

James Cannon, Jr., appealed from the decision of the Chair, and stated the grounds of his appeal.

The Chair stated the grounds of his decision.

The Conference sustained the decision of the Chair.

The question recurring on the amendment of E. E. Hoss, it was adopted; and item 4 as amended was adopted.

Item 5 was read, and, on motion, was adopted.

Item 6 was read.

James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, offered an amendment, as follows:

Amend item 6 of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Education in the last clause so that it shall read, "It may be accepted in lieu of examination on those books by the Conference committee if the Annual Conference so directs."

Motion to
table fails.Amendment
adopted.Item 6 as
amended
adopted.Item 7
adopted.Item 8
adopted.Item 7 re-
considered.

Anson West, of the North Alabama Conference, moved to lay the amendment on the table; and the motion was lost.

The amendment of James Cannon, Jr., was adopted.

Item 6 as amended was adopted.

Item 7 was read, and, on division, it was adopted by a vote of 108 in the affirmative to 95 in the negative.

Item 8 was read, and, on motion, was adopted.

A. Coke Smith, of the Virginia Conference, moved the reconsideration of the action by which item 7 was adopted; and the motion prevailed.

James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, offered the following amendment: **MAY 15. EIGHTH DAY.**

Cannon offers amendment.

Amend item 7 of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Education by inserting the following words: "and that they be authorized to expend as much of this sum as may be necessary to meet," etc.

R. G. Waterhouse, of the Holston Conference, moved to substitute "that we recommend the collection in full of the ten thousand dollars now assessed, and give permission to the Board to solicit special donations."

Waterhouse's substitute.

J. D. Hammond, of the North Georgia Conference, moved to lay the substitute of R. G. Waterhouse on the table, and, on a division of the house, it was laid on the table by 118 votes in the affirmative and 72 in the negative.

Laid on table.

The question recurring on the amendment of James Cannon, Jr., B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, moved to amend the amendment by striking out ten thousand dollars and substituting five thousand.

Cannon's amendment amended.

The amendment to the amendment was accepted by the author of the amendment.

Accepted.

On motion, the pending question was ordered, and the amendment was adopted.

Adopted.

On motion, item 7 was adopted.

Item 7 adopted.

On motion, the report as a whole was adopted. (See Report, p. 226.)

Report as a whole adopted.

C. D. Mann, of the South Carolina Conference, offered a resolution concerning the loyalty of teachers in our seminaries of learning to the doctrine and polity of our Church, and, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Education.

Resolution on loyalty of teachers

I. W. Clark, of the North Texas Conference, made announcements on behalf of the Committee on Public Worship.

Announcements.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

Adjournment.

The doxology was sung, and John W. Heidt, of the North Georgia Conference, pronounced the benediction.

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NINTH DAY.**NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 16, 1902.**Conference
meets.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M.,
Bishop Candler in the chair.

Religious
services.

Religious services were conducted by John A. Ander-
son, of the Baltimore Conference.

Minutes
read.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read.

C. D. Mann's
motion to
correct
Journal
lost.

C. D. Mann, of the South Carolina Conference, moved
to correct the Journal in the matter of his resolution
concerning the loyalty to our doctrines and polity of
teachers in our seminaries of learning, so that the Jour-
nal should indicate the passage of the resolution. The
motion did not prevail.

Journal ap-
proved.

The Journal was approved as read by the Secretary.

Bishop Mor-
rison in
chair.

Bishop Morrison took the chair.

Leave of
absence
granted.

On motion of J. H. Pritchett, leave of absence was
granted to James P. Leavel, lay delegate of the Missouri
Conference, on account of sickness.

I. D. Wall
seated.

I. D. Wall, lay delegate of the Louisiana Conference,
was recognized and seated, and assigned to the Commit-
tees on Education and Colportage.

M. L. Butler
seated.

M. L. Butler, clerical alternate of the Indian Mission
Conference, was recognized and seated, *vice* J. M. Gross,
and assigned to the Committees on Episcopacy and Tem-
perance.

Resolution
with-
drawn.

On motion, the Memphis delegation were granted
leave to withdraw a resolution, touching the election
of one Book Agent, which had been referred to the Com-
mittee on Publishing Interests.

Reports of
standing
commit-
tees.

Reports of standing committees were called for.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Church Extension
was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Education was
read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Boundaries was
read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Temperance was
read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Sunday Schools was
read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Epworth League was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar. **MAY 16.**
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A minority report in connection with Report No. 2 of the Committee on Epworth League was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Appeals was read and spread on the Journal. (See Report, p. 247.) **Report No. 2**
on Appeals.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Finance was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Reports of special committees were called for.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence reported that the following telegram of fraternal greetings had been sent to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Springfield, Mo.: **Reports of**
special
commit-
tees.
Greetings to
C. P.
Church.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, sends Christian greetings to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and prays the divine guidance in its work. Read 2 Peter i. 2.

Also the following telegram to the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church at Jackson, Miss.: **Greetings to**
Southern
Presby-
terians.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, greets the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church in the name of the Lord, and invokes upon it the blessing of the Great Head of the Church. Read Eph. iii. 14-19.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence further reported a fraternal communication received from a representative of an Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and, on motion, the committee was instructed to return a response to the same. **Fraternal**
message
from Meth-
odist Prot-
estants.

The call was made by Conferences for appeals, memorials, and petitions. **Appeals,**
memorials,
and
petitions.

On motion, Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, was granted permission to present Report No. 3 of the Committee on Revisals, which was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

C. W. White, of the Florida Conference, was, on motion, granted permission to present a minority report in connection with Report No. 3 of the Committee on Re- **C. W. White's**
requests
granted.

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visals; and, after permission was given to add two names to this report, it was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

C. W. White, of the Florida Conference, asked that the minority report be taken from the calendar, that he might erase the name of R. B. Swift, and substitute that of E. A. Strange; and permission was granted.

Gavel to
Bishop
Morrison.

Bishop Morrison made some remarks in connection with a gavel placed in his hands by J. D. Walsh, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Call re-
sumed.

The call for appeals, memorials, and petitions was resumed.

Protest
against
boundary
changes.

The Secretary presented a paper, addressed to the General Conference, protesting against the changes of Conference boundaries in Arizona and California, and, on his motion, it was referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning trial of a traveling preacher: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Resolutions.

The roll of the Conferences was called for resolutions, and the following were presented:

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning maladministration: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution to amend paragraph 215 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Temperance.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—A resolution from the Memphis Conference: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning Conference course of study: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Directions as
to report on
War Claim.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—The following resolutions were offered:

Resolved, That the Committee on Publishing Interests are hereby directed to report on the War Claim not later than 10 o'clock A.M. Saturday, May 17, and that the consideration

of the report of said committee be made the special order for said hour.

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Resolved, further, That when said subject-matter is presented to the Conference no other business be considered or entertained until said matter of the War Claim is finally disposed of.

ROBERT T. DANIEL, A. M. WILLIAMS,
GEORGE M. NAPIER, WILLIAM ELLIOTT,
JAMES H. MCCOLLUM, LUCIUS P. LITTLE.

On motion, the resolutions were laid on the table.

Resolutions
tabled.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—A resolution of the delegates: referred to the Committee on Education.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—A resolution: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning the election of one Book Agent: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. A second resolution: referred to the same committee.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A resolution: referred to the Committee on Finance.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.—A resolution: referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Secretary of the General Conference called attention to the fact that under the rule no new business could be introduced after to-morrow, to-morrow being the tenth day of the session.

Rule as to
new business.

B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, moved that Report No. 1 of the Committee on Revisals be taken up, and with it Report No. 3 of the Committee on Finance; and it was so ordered.

Lipscomb's
motion
adopted.

Arthur B. Pugh, of the Baltimore Conference, offered the following amendment to Report No. 1 of the Committee on Revisals:

Pugh's
amendment to
Report No.
1 on Revisals.

Resolved, That section 2 of Report No. 1 be so amended that paragraphs 330 and 331 of the Discipline shall be changed to read as follows:

“¶ 330. Each Annual Conference shall have a Joint Board of Finance, to consist of one clerical and one lay member for each Presiding Elder's District in the Conference, to hold office for the term of four years, and to be appointed by the President of the Conference (unless otherwise ordered), at the next ensuing annual session after the adjournment of the

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General Conference. Should a vacancy occur in the membership of the Board during the term of office, by death or by transfer or removal of any member from the Presiding Elder's District for which he shall have been appointed, or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled by the same authority by which the original appointment was made.

"¶ 331. Said Board shall elect its own Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer."

Motion to
substitute
Report No.
3 on Fi-
nance.

It was moved and seconded that Report No. 3 of the Committee on Finance be substituted for Report No. 1 of the Committee on Revisals.

Pending
question
ordered.

After discussion on various points of order, J. H. Pritchett, of the Missouri Conference, moved the pending question; and the pending question was ordered.

Ruling of
Chair sus-
tained.

The Chair ruling that the pending question was exhausted by a vote upon the amendment of A. B. Pugh, J. H. Pritchett appealed from the decision of the Chair.

Pugh
amend-
ment
adopted.

The decision of the Chair was sustained.

The question being put upon the amendment of A. B. Pugh, it was adopted.

Motion to re-
consider.

R. H. Mahon, of the Memphis Conference, moved to reconsider the action by which the amendment of A. B. Pugh was adopted.

Fails on
point of or-
der.

C. W. White, of the Florida Conference, rose to the point of order that a motion to reconsider was not in order, because no new business had been transacted between the adoption of the amendment and the motion to reconsider.

The Chair ruled the point well taken.

Ruling of
Chair not
sustained.

The Chair ruling that Report No. 3 of the Committee on Finance was not before the house as a substitute for Report No. 1 of the Committee on Revisals as amended by A. B. Pugh, Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, appealed from the decision of the Chair; and the Chair was not sustained.

Motion to ta-
ble whole
matter lost.

James Campbell, of the Northwest Texas Conference, moved that the whole matter be laid on the table; and the motion did not prevail.

C. W. White, of the Florida Conference, offered the following amendment to the substitute:

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Paragraph 330. After the words "Presiding Elder's District" insert the words "provided, however, that the removal of a clerical member from one District to another shall not operate forfeiture of membership in the Board."

White's
amend-
ment to
substitute.

John M. Barcus, of the Northwest Texas Conference, moved the previous question; and the motion prevailed.

Previous
question
called.

Paul Whitehead, as Chairman of the Committee on Revisals, and T. S. Garrison, as Chairman of the Committee on Finance, concluded the debate under the rule.

Debate
closed.

The vote recurring on the amendment of the substitute, it was adopted on a division of the house by 113 votes cast in the affirmative to 83 cast in the negative.

Vote on
amend-
ment.

The substitute as amended was adopted by 155 votes cast in the affirmative; this being a majority of the whole Conference, the negative vote was not counted. (See Report, p. 247.)

Substitute as
amended
adopted.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, presented the quadrennial report of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report of
Board of
Trustees.

T. S. Garrison, of the East Texas Conference, moved that Report No. 2 of the Committee on Finance be taken from the calendar and recommitted; and the motion prevailed.

Report No. 2
on Finance
recommitted.

I. W. Clark, Chairman of the Committee on Public Worship made the announcements for preaching on Sunday.

Announce-
ments for
Sunday.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock this evening, to receive the fraternal delegates of the British Methodist Wesleyan Conference and of the Methodist Church of Canada; and his motion prevailed.

Tigert's mo-
tion for
evening
session
prevails.

Leave of absence was asked for J. H. Stevenson, of the Tennessee Conference, and the leave was granted.

J. H. Steven-
son grant-
ed leave.

Gross Alexander, Assistant Secretary, appointed to attend to the execution of Rule 21, reported the impossibility of discharging the duties assigned him.

Execution of
Rule 21 im-
possible.

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Rule 21 ab-
rogated.

Calendar
taken up.

Report No. 2
on Mis-
sions.

Item 1
adopted.

Item 2
adopted.

Item 3 read.

Whitehead's
motion to
strike out
tabled.

Item 3
adopted.

Report as
a whole
adopted.

Report No. 2
on Itiner-
ancy.

Item 1 read.

Kelley's
substitute.

Pending
question
ordered.

Substitute
fails.

Item 1
adopted.

Item 2 read.

Item 2 re-
committed.

Report
adopted.

Amendment
to item 2
referred.

Daily Advo-
cate to
members.

T. B. King, of the Memphis Conference, moved the abrogation of Rule 21 concerning the printing of reports; and the motion prevailed.

On motion, the calendar was taken up.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Missions was read, and, on motion, it was considered by items.

Item 1 was read and adopted.

Item 2 was read and adopted.

Item 3 was read.

Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, moved to strike out the latter part of the item.

On motion, the motion of Paul Whitehead to strike out was laid on the table.

Item 3 was adopted.

On motion, the report was adopted as a whole. (See Report, p. 229.)

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Itinerancy was read.

On motion, it was taken up by items.

Item 1 was read.

D. C. Kelley, of the Tennessee Conference, moved to substitute "concurrence" for "nonconcurrence."

W. K. Piner, of the Louisville Conference, moved the pending question; and the pending question was ordered.

The substitute of D. C. Kelley did not prevail.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 was read.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved to recommit item 2; and the motion prevailed.

On motion, the report was adopted as a whole, the re-committed item being excepted. (See Report, p. 201.)

On motion, an amendment offered by C. W. White, in connection with the item of the report just re-committed, was also referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the publishers of the *Daily Advocate* be instructed to place two copies of the *Daily Advocate* in the chair

of each member every morning of the session of the General Conference.

JAMES CANNON, JR.,

W. W. SMITH.

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A. Coke Smith, of the Virginia Conference, moved the reconsideration of the vote by which Rule 21 was abrogated; and his motion prevailed.

Abrogation
of Rule 21
recon-
sidered.

A. Coke Smith, of the Virginia Conference, offered a new rule in lieu of Rule 21 just abrogated, and, on motion, his paper was referred to the Committee on Rules.

New rule
proposed
and re-
ferred.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

Adjourn-
ment.

After the singing of the doxology, the benediction was pronounced by J. D. Walsh.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference met at 8 P.M., pursuant to adjournment, to receive the fraternal delegates of the British Wesleyan Methodist Church and of the Methodist Church of Canada; Bishop Wilson in the chair.

Conference
meets.

Bishop
Wilson
presides.

Bishop Wilson announced Hymn 206,

Religious
services.

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God,

which was sung by the Conference.

Bishop Hendrix led in prayer.

The Secretary read the credentials of the Rev. Frederick Luke Wiseman, B.A., and of the Rev. Ralph Brecken, D.D., as follows:

Credentials
of Rev. Mr.
Wiseman
and Dr.
Brecken
read.

FRIARY ROAD, HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND,
2d April, 1902.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South,
U. S. A., 1902.

Reverend and Dear Brethren: The British Wesleyan Methodist Conference, which met in the city of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in July, 1901, appointed the Rev. James Chapman, a greatly beloved and honored minister amongst us, as a fraternal messenger and representative to your General Conference, appointed to assemble at Dallas, Texas, in the spring of 1902.

I much regret to have to inform you that in consequence of sickness Mr. Chapman is unable to fulfill the engagement, being forbidden by his medical advisers to undertake this duty at the present time. Under these circumstances I have requested the Rev. Frederick Luke Wiseman, B.A., a gifted

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and highly valued minister of our Church, to act as the fraternal representative at your approaching General Conference. I commend him with the utmost confidence as in every way qualified to fulfill the important duties. Mr. Wiseman has rendered valuable service as a tutor in classics in one of our colleges, and has since had for several years the responsible charge of the large and prosperous Methodist mission in the city of Birmingham. He is specially qualified to inform you on this development of modern Methodism, and also of our affairs generally. In connection with the Twentieth Century Fund, which is approaching completion, he has acted as one of the General Secretaries. Mr. Wiseman will convey to you the affectionate and respectful greetings of our Conference, and will speak to you concerning our work and progress.

The visit of Bishop Hendrix to our Burslem Conference was highly appreciated, and his preaching and speaking greatly edified our people. Since then we have welcomed to our shores several of your most distinguished ministers and lay brethren in connection with the Ecumenical Conference. The sermon by Bishop Galloway at the opening session of the same will be long remembered as a timely and exceedingly valuable utterance, in every way worthy of the great occasion.

Praying that the spirit of "truth, unity, and concord," and every grace you need, may be with you in your coming Conference, I am

Yours faithfully,

W. T. DAVISON,

President of the British Conference.

TORONTO, CANADA, April 10, 1902.

To the Bishops and the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in General Conference Assembled.

Venerated and Beloved Fathers and Brethren: This paper certifies that the bearer, Rev. Ralph Brecken, D.D., one of our honored and highly esteemed ministers, was, at the General Conference of the Methodist Church, Canada, held in this city of Toronto in 1898, appointed the fraternal delegate from our Church to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the General Conference thereof, and duly accredits the said Rev. Dr. Brecken as such representative to your venerable and honorable body.

Our brother, Dr. Brecken, faithful and beloved, will inform you of our affairs, how we do, and of our ever-growing work, and our enterprises touching the kingdom of God. He will also convey to you our cordial assurances of our ever-increasing regard and love for you as brethren in Christ, and for the

great and noble Church in whose interests in the providence of God you are assembled. **MAY 16.
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The God of love and peace be with you.

Yours in the bonds of the gospel,

A. CARMAN, *General Superintendent.*

J. S. ROSS, *Secretary of the General Conference.*

Bishop Wilson introduced the Rev. Frederick Luke Wiseman, who addressed the Conference with a force and enthusiasm which elicited many expressions of approval. (See p. 292.) **Rev. Mr. Wiseman's address.**

Bishop Wilson introduced the Rev. Ralph Brecken, D.D., whose instructive and winning words were most cordially received by the Conference. (See p. 285.) **Dr. Brecken's address.**

Bishop Wilson spoke a few words of appropriate response, expressive of our great pleasure in receiving and hearing these two messengers of the Churches. **Bishop Wilson's response.**

On motion, the Conference adjourned. **Adjournment.**

The doxology was sung, and the Rev. Mr. Wiseman pronounced the benediction.

TENTH DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1902.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Morrison in the chair. **MAY 17.
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Religious services were conducted by W. P. Lovejoy, of the North Georgia Conference. **Conference meets.**

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved. **Religious services.**

The minutes of the evening session of yesterday were also read and approved. **Minutes approved.**

Bishop Wilson took the chair. **Bishop Wilson presides.**

The roll of standing committees was called for reports, and the following were presented: **Reports of standing committees.**

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Episcopacy was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

A minority report of the Committee on Episcopacy was presented in connection with Report No. 4, read, and, under the rule, it went to the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

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Report No. 4
on Mis-
sions.

Motion to
separate
items not
adopted.

Action re-
considered
and items
adopted.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Education was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Missions was read.

On motion of F. D. Swindell, of the North Carolina Conference, to take up the items of the report which referred to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the Conference declined to take them up out of their order on the calendar.

On motion of Horace Bishop, this action was reconsidered, and the items referring to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society were read and adopted. The remainder of the report, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Church Extension was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Education was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

A minority report in connection with Report No. 4 of the Committee on Finance was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Itinerancy, which had been recommitted, was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 4
on Itiner-
ancy.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Itinerancy was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Item 8 re-
ferred to
Committee
on Episco-
pacy.

W. C. Black, of the Mississippi Conference, moved that we take up out of its order that part of the report to be referred to the Committee on Episcopacy, and the motion prevailed. Item 3 concerning the Journal of the Pacific Conference was referred to the Committee on Episcopacy, and the remainder of the report was continued in its place on the calendar.

Report of
Commis-
sion on
Constitu-
tion.

Bishop C. B. Galloway, Chairman of the Commission on the Constitution appointed by the last General Conference, presented the Report of the Commission.

Motion for
special or-
der fails.

W. F. Barclay, of the Louisville Conference, moved that the Report of the Commission be made the special order of the day for Tuesday at 10 o'clock; and the motion did not prevail.

Under the rule, the report went to the calendar.

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A minority report from the Committee on Publishing Interests, in connection with Report No. 1 of that committee, was presented. On motion, the rule was suspended, requiring the report to be read by the Secretary, and it was read by James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference.

Report sent
to calendar.

Cannon
reads minority
report.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolution
on War
Claim.

Resolved, That Tuesday, the 20th inst., at 10 A.M., be set for the consideration of the reports from the Committee on Publishing Interests affecting what is known as the War Claim, and that the consideration of this subject be continued until a final conclusion is reached.

JOHN H. McLEAN,
J. B. THURMOND,
E. W. ALDERSON.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, offered the following amendment:

Tigert's
amendment.

Resolved, That the minority of the Committee on Publishing Interests have leave to print in pamphlet form or in the *Daily Advocate*.

And this amendment was accepted as a part of the original resolution.

Accepted.

G. B. Winton, of the Mexican Border Mission Conference, moved as a substitute that the Conference take immediate action on these reports.

Winton's
substitute.

On motion of B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, G. B. Winton's substitute was laid on the table.

Laid on
table.

A motion to lay on the table the amended resolution of J. H. McLean and others did not prevail.

Amended
paper not
tabled.

The house dividing on the adoption of the amended resolution of J. H. McLean and others, it was adopted by a vote of 156 in the affirmative to 59 in the negative.

Adopted.

Bishop Wilson introduced Dr. William I. Haven, one of the Secretaries of the American Bible Society, who briefly addressed the Conference.

Dr. Haven
introduced.

On motion, leave of absence was granted John H. Harper, of the New Mexico Conference, on account of sickness.

J. H. Harper
granted
leave.

P. H. Whisner, of the Baltimore Conference, presented the quadrennial report of the Woman's Home

Report of
Woman's
Home
Mission
Society.

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Mission Society, and, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

Announce-
ments.

I. W. Clark made announcements on behalf of the Committee on Public Worship.

Invitation
to Con-
ference
accepted.

B. M. Burgher made announcements on behalf of the Committee on Local Entertainment, and also conveyed an invitation from the ladies of Dallas to the Conference for a drive on Tuesday afternoon next. On motion, the invitation was gratefully accepted.

Reports of
special
commit-
tees.

Reports from special committees were called for.

Response
from C. P.
Assembly.

A. Coke Smith, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence and Introductions, presented the response to the fraternal greetings of this Conference from the Cumberland Presbyterian Assembly now in session in Springfield, Mo., as follows:

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SPRINGFIELD, MO.,
May 16, 1902.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Dallas, Texas.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Assembly is pleased to receive your greetings, which are most heartily reciprocated; and we make supplication for abundant divine blessings to rest upon your body and your entire communion.

J. M. HUBBERT, *Stated Clerk.*

Response
from Pres-
byterian
Assembly.

He also presented the following from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in session at Jackson, Miss.:

JACKSON, MISS., May 16, 1902.

Rev. A. Coke Smith, D.D., General Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Dallas, Tex.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States reciprocates the fraternal greetings of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and rejoices that we labor side by side for the extension of the kingdom both in the home and foreign fields.

WILLIAM T. HALL, *Moderator.*

W. A. ALEXANDER, *Stated Clerk.*

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Appeals,
memorials,
and peti-
tions.

The roll of the Conferences was called for appeals, memorials, and petitions, and the following were presented:

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.—A petition concerning financial reports: referred to the Committee on Finance.

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MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning printing of general and local organs together: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Appeals,
memorials,
and peti-
tions.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning delegates to the General Conference: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A memorial on local and traveling preachers: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—A petition concerning boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

The roll of Conferences was called for resolutions, and the following were presented: **Resolutions.**

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning business management of Conference organs: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A resolution concerning money raised on Children's Day: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning question in Quarterly Conference: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

CHINA MISSION CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning the study of missions in the Sunday school: referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning trustees of Church property: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—A resolution to amend paragraph 437 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Gross Alexander, of the Louisville Conference, offered a resolution concerning factory children in the South, which was, on motion, adopted.

Alexander's
resolution
on factory
children
adopted.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning General Conference entertainment: referred to the Committee on Entertainment.

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Resolutions.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—A resolution to amend paragraph 452 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution concerning reduction of missionary periodicals: referred to the Committee on Missions.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning change in the Ritual: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution concerning temperance: referred to the Committee on Temperance.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—A resolution to change paragraph 86 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A resolution to change paragraph 44 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution on the composition of the Book Committee: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. A resolution concerning the War Claim: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Report No. 2
on Publish-
ing Inter-
ests.

On motion, Report No. 2 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Alexander's
resolution
on factory
children
recon-
sidered.

E. E. Hoss, of the Holston Conference, moved to reconsider the action by which the Conference had adopted the resolution offered by Gross Alexander, of the Louisville Conference, concerning factory children in the South; and the motion prevailed.

Motion to
table fails.

A motion to lay the resolution on the table was made, and did not prevail.

Referred to
special
committee.

On motion, a special committee of three was ordered, to which the resolution of Gross Alexander was referred.

L. B. Leigh
and H. B.
Neal grant-
ed leave.

Leave of absence was granted to L. B. Leigh, of the Little Rock Conference, and H. B. Neal, of the North Georgia Conference.

Dr. Hoss's
notice of
retiracy.

E. E. Hoss, of the Holston Conference, rose to a question of personal privilege, and stated that as the publication of the minority report of the Committee on Publishing Interests might be attended by legal complica-

tions, he wished to give notice that on the day on which this paper was published he would not be the editor of the *Daily Advocate*.

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On motion, the Conference adjourned.

Adjourn-
ment.

The doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by W. F. Tillett, of the Tennessee Conference.

ELEVENTH DAY, MONDAY, MAY 19, 1902.

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Conference met at 9 A.M. pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Wilson in the chair.

Conference
meets.

Religious services were conducted by J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference.

Religious
services.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

Minutes
approved.

The Committee on Child Labor in the South, which was ordered during Saturday's session, was appointed by the Chair as follows: J. O. Branch, J. G. Brown, and R. W. Millsaps.

Committee
on Child
Labor ap-
pointed.

Bishop Granbery took the chair.

Bishop
Granbery
in chair.

The roll of standing committees was called, and the following reports were received:

Reports of
standing
commit-
tees.

From the Committee on Appeals, Report No. 3 was read and went to the record. (See Report, p. 247.)

Report No. 3
on Appeals
to record.

From the Committee on Finance, Report No. 5 was read.

Report No. 5
on Finance.

A. Coke Smith moved a suspension of the rule, so that so much of the report as relates to the filling of the vacancies on the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, may be taken up and passed upon at once; and the motion prevailed.

Rule sus-
pended.

On motion, the section of the report relating to the election of Trustees was adopted, and, under the rule, the remainder of the report went to the calendar. (See Report, p. 249.)

Section on
Board
Trustees
adopted.

Reports of special committees were called for.

Reports of
special
commit-
tees.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence and Introductions presented Report No. 3. On motion, it was put upon its immediate passage, and adopted, as follows:

Report No. 3
on Frater-
nal Corre-
spondence
adopted.

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COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE AND INTRODUCTIONS, REPORT NO. 3.

Resolved, 1. That this Conference has heard with genuine pleasure the able address of the Rev. Luke Wiseman, A.B., of Birmingham, England, fraternal messenger from the British Conference to this body.

Resolved, 2. That the cordial greetings he brings us from the mother Church greatly rejoice us, and the news he imparts of her prosperity, especially along the lines of what is termed the "forward movement," are a great inspiration to us who live on this side the water.

Resolved, 3. That we hereby give expression to the very great satisfaction we have had in listening to the hearty greetings borne us by the Rev. Ralph Brecken, D.D., fraternal messenger from our sister across the border, the Methodist Church of Canada; and we rejoice in the unity and the rapid spread of our common Methodism throughout the Dominion.

Resolved, 4. That as these delegates, brethren beloved, depart for their distant homes, we pray not only that journeying mercies may be vouchsafed unto them, but that the blessings of God may forever abide with them and the Churches they represent.

A. COKE SMITH, *Chairman.*

Report No. 4
on Episco-
pacy taken
up.

On motion of A. J. Lamar, of the Alabama Conference, Report No. 4 of the Committee on Episcopacy was taken from the calendar out of its regular order, to be acted upon immediately.

Majority and
minority
reports
read.

The majority and minority reports were read.

Willson's
amend-
ment of
majority.

A motion was made by John O. Willson and G. C. Rankin to amend the majority report by substituting "three" instead of "two" as the number of bishops to be elected.

Laid on
table.

J. H. Pritchett, of the Missouri Conference, moved that the substitute be laid on the table; and the motion prevailed.

Motion to
substitute
minority
report.

W. F. Glenn, of the North Georgia Conference, moved that the minority report be substituted for the majority report.

Substitute
laid on
table.

S. S. Keener, of the Louisiana Conference, moved that the substitute be laid on the table; and by a division of the house it was laid on the table by 147 votes in the affirmative and 64 votes in the negative.

Bishop Har-
grove's
paper.

Bishop Hargrove presented a paper, as follows:

DALLAS, TEX., May 19, 1902.

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To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Dear Brethren: I have arisen to discharge what to me is a delicate duty.

In the good providence of God I am able to report myself in excellent health, and possessing a vigor of body quite unusual for men of my age. And yet I am not unmindful of growing infirmities. Particularly my impaired hearing renders me unable to distinguish confused sounds likely to arise in the parliamentary contests of a large deliberative body, making it difficult, and sometimes impossible, for me intelligently to direct its proceedings; and yet in most other respects, as far as I know, I am as able as heretofore to perform the functions of my office. In this state of the case I find myself quite undecided as to duty, so that I hesitate *on my own motion* to ask release from official duty. Fully aware of the common tendency in men growing old to underestimate their own disabilities, I have sought the opinions of brethren beloved, which have not been uniform; but I feel impelled to at least suggest to your body that it would probably relieve both you and me of embarrassment if I be placed on the retired list, and that another be selected by you for the service hitherto assigned to me.

I desire to know and to do the will of God in this matter, be it to continue my official duties, or to retire from active service; and the judgment of this body I feel ready to accept as the voice of God to me.

Having by this frank statement satisfied my own conscience, I leave the responsibility with you to take that course which to you seems wise.

I have now completed twenty toilsome and eventful years of episcopal service, and however imperfectly rendered, I feel grateful for the consciousness that I have spared no effort to fulfill the trust confided to me to bear your banner aloft out of the dust, and to return it untarnished, and with no stain of dishonor upon its folds.

During these twenty years of sunshine and storm it has been my privilege to see the membership of our Church more than doubled, its field of operations enlarged, its machinery improved and increased, and its resources greatly multiplied.

Entering in childhood the Church of my parents and grandparents, every day of added privilege and service has increased the intensity of my love for it.

I shall never be able to make an adequate return for the generous forbearance, of my brethren, and for their hearty co-operation and support which have strengthened and sustained me under the severe tests of difficult and sometimes disagreeable duty.

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And I have a strong sense of obligation for innumerable unmerited kindnesses shown to me by the preachers and members of our great Church.

Should you decide to place my name on your list of superannuates, I trust it will be my privilege yet to render to my Church some humble service, and that the grace of cheerfulness will be granted to me, while under the shadows of life's eventide I patiently await my final release by the will of God.

Indulge me in a closing word to my colleagues. The potency of our unique episcopacy is in its unity. Each of us being bishop of the whole Church, and all by its alternations equally interested in every part, its entire energy is by coöperation readily and promptly directed to the point of special need, and thus to the homogeneous upbuilding of the entire Church. The intimacies and confidences thus necessarily engendered conspire to make the episcopacy to an eminent degree a close and goodly fellowship. This spirit of cordial unity, thank God, it has heretofore ever maintained. The peace and prosperity of the Church require its continuance. In a peculiar and special sense it is imperative that our bishops be all one in Christ Jesus.

ROBT. K. HARGROVE.

Motion to
postpone
Report No.
4 on Epis-
copacy.

Julius E. Wright, of the Kentucky Conference, moved the postponement of further consideration of Report No. 4 of the Committee on Episcopacy until Thursday, 10 A.M.

Laid on
table.

S. S. Keener, of the Louisiana Conference, moved that the motion for postponement be laid on the table; and it was so ordered.

Motion to
amend.

Frank Richardson, of the Holston Conference, moved to strike out "two" and insert "one" in the report before the house.

Tabled.

On motion, the motion of Frank Richardson was laid on the table.

Previous
question
ordered.

W. R. Peebles, of the Tennessee Conference, moved the previous question; and it was so ordered.

Debate
closed.

A. J. Lamar, Chairman of the Committee on Episcopacy, closed the debate under the rule.

Majority
report
adopted.

The vote being taken on the majority report, No. 4 of the Committee on Episcopacy, it was adopted. (See Report, p. 199.)

Resolution
on elec-
tions.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That 'Thursday, 10 A.M., 22d inst., be set as the time for the election of bishops and of all connectional officers, and that the election be continued until all authorized officers shall have been elected.

JOHN H. McLEAN,
G. C. RANKIN,
A. C. MILLER.

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An amendment was offered that the election be at once proceeded with, and a motion made that this amendment be laid on the table. On a division of the house, the amendment was laid on the table by 114 votes in the affirmative to 107 in the negative.

Amendment
tabled.

On motion, the previous question was ordered.

Previous
question.

The resolution of J. H. McLean and others was adopted.

Resolution
adopted.

On motion of Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, the paper of Bishop R. K. Hargrove was referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

Bishop
Hargrove's
paper re-
ferred.

On motion of P. H. Whisner, of the Baltimore Conference, Report No. 4 of the Committee on Missions and Report No. 2 of the Committee on Publishing Interests were taken from the calendar and referred to the Committee on Federation.

Report No. 4
on Missions
and Report
No. 2 on
Publishing
Interests
referred.

The calendar was taken up, and Report No. 1 of the Committee on Church Extension was read.

Report No. 1
on Church
Extension.

On motion of Jno. J. Tigert, the report was taken up by items.

Taken up by
items.

Item 1 was read and adopted.

Item 1 adopt-
ed.

Item 2 was read, and, on motion of D. C. Kelley, of the Tennessee Conference, it was recommitted.

Item 2 re-
committed.

I. W. Clark made announcements on behalf of the Committee on Public Worship.

Announce-
ments.

The Chair introduced Dr. Sanford, representative of the movement for the National Federation of Churches, who addressed the Conference in the interest of Christian unity.

Dr. Sanford's
address.

James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, rose to a question of personal privilege to answer some questions propounded on the floor of the Conference touching the time and place of the composition of the minority report of the Committee on Publishing Interests, and

Cannon's
personal
privilege.

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stated that the report was prepared between Wednesday and Saturday of last week in the city of Dallas.

Feather-
stone's
point of or-
der ruled
against.

While James Cannon, Jr., was upon the floor, C. C. Featherstone, of the South Carolina Conference, raised a point of order that the statements of James Cannon, Jr., were not of the nature of personal privilege.

The Chair ruled the point not well taken.

Chair sus-
tained.

C. C. Featherstone appealed to the house, and the decision of the Chair was sustained.

Motion to re-
consider
tabled.

S. B. Adams, of the South Georgia Conference, moved to reconsider the vote by which the time of the elections was fixed; and on motion of S. S. Keener, of the Louisiana Conference, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Rev. Mr.
Wiseman
and Dr.
Brecken
take leave.

The Rev. F. Luke Wiseman, A.B., fraternal delegate from the British Wesleyan Conference, and the Rev. Ralph Brecken, D.D., fraternal delegate of the Methodist Church of Canada, took leave of the Conference.

The Chair
responds.

The Chair made suitable response.

Report No. 1
on Sunday
Schools.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read, and, on motion of J. O. Willson, was considered by items.

Item 1
adopted.

Item 1 was read and adopted.

Item 2
adopted.

Item 2 was read and adopted.

Item 3
adopted.

Item 3 was read and adopted.

Item 4
adopted.

Item 4 was read and adopted.

Item 5
adopted

Item 5 was read and adopted.

Item 6
adopted.

Item 6 was read and adopted.

Item 7 read.

Item 7 was read.

Pepper's
amend-
ment.

J. R. Pepper, of the Memphis Conference, offered the following amendment:

Amend item 7 by substituting for the words suggested as answer to question 28, paragraph 52 of the Discipline, the following words, as said question: "Question 28. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars enrolled during the Conference year?"

Item 7 as
amended
adopted.

On motion, the pending question was ordered, and the amendment of J. R. Pepper was adopted; and item 7 as amended was adopted.

On motion of J. O. Willson, the action adopting item 7 was reconsidered, and E. G. Moseley, of the Virginia Conference, offered the following amendment:

Amend item 7 by adding the words, "deducting therefrom the total loss by removal or death."

On motion, the amendment of E. G. Moseley was laid on the table; and item 7 was adopted.

Item 8 was read and adopted.

On motion of J. R. Pepper, the report was adopted as a whole. (See Report, p. 241.)

W. W. Smith, of the Virginia Conference, inquired why the minority report of the Committee on Publishing Interests did not appear in the *Daily Advocate* of to-day.

James Cannon, Jr., reported that the duplicate had been by him delivered to the Secretary, who had in turn delivered it to the representative of the *Daily Advocate*.

A motion to adjourn did not prevail.

L. Blaylock, of the North Texas Conference, and printer of the *Daily Advocate*, reported that the minority report had been placed in his hands by E. E. Hoss, the editor of the *Advocate*, and that, on taking counsel of his attorney, he had been advised against its publication, and had declined to print it.

On motion of Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, the time was extended until this business could be completed.

While C. D. Mann, of the South Carolina Conference, was on the floor, Seth Ward, of the Texas Conference, rose to the point of order that there was nothing before the house; and the Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

It was moved that the Conference do now adjourn; and on a division of the house, the Conference adjourned by a vote of 137 in the affirmative and 48 in the negative.

The doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Granbery.

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Action re-considered and amendment offered.

Amendment tabled and item 7 adopted.

Item 8 adopted.

Report as a whole adopted.

Smith's inquiry as to minority report on Publishing Interests.

Cannon's reply.

Motion to adjourn lost.

Blaylock's statement.

Time extended.

Mann's point of order well taken.

Adjournment.

MAY 20.
TWELFTH
DAY.

TWELFTH DAY, TUESDAY, MAY 20, 1902.

Conference
meets.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M.,
Bishop Granbery in the chair.

Religious
services.

Religious services were conducted by John E. Godbey,
of the Little Rock Conference.

Minutes ap-
proved.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and ap-
proved.

Bishop
Hargrove
presides.

Bishop Hargrove took the chair.

C. F. Bates
seated.

Creed F. Bates, lay alternate of the Holston Confer-
ence, was recognized and seated, *vice* E. P. Rucker, ab-
sent.

Bishop
Granbery's
letter.

Bishop Granbery read the following letter:

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

DEAR BRETHREN: The time has come when I must request
of you to place me on the retired list. This is the seventy-
third year of my natural life, the fifty-ninth of my spiritual
life, the fifty-fifth of my itinerancy. Twenty of these years I
have held the episcopal office. I thank God, who put me into
the ministry, and I thank my brethren for their uniform for-
bearance and kindness. I ask that this paper be referred to
the Committee on Episcopacy.

Your brother and servant in Christ,

J. C. GRANBERY.

Referred to
Committee
on Episco-
pacy.

On motion of Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Con-
ference, the communication of Bishop J. C. Granbery
was referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

Committee
on Drury
Knox
Fund.

On motion of J. E. Wright, of the Kentucky Confer-
ence, a paper in regard to the Drury Knox Fund was
referred to a special committee of three, to be appointed
by the Chair.

Reports of
standing
commit-
tees.

Reports of standing committees were called for.

Report No.
on Episco-
pacy goes
to record.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Episcopacy, fixing
the amounts to be paid to the active and retired bishops,
and the widows of bishops, was read, and, without action,
went to the record. (See Report, p. 199.)

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Episcopacy was
read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Publishing Inter-
ests was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Education was
read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Missions was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

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Report No. 6 of the Committee on Itinerancy was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 7 of the Committee on Itinerancy was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Revisals was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

On motion, Robert T. Daniel, of the North Georgia Conference, was granted leave of absence after to-day.

R. T. Daniel
granted
leave.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Revisals was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, gave notice that he had had printed the minority report of the Committee on Publishing Interests, according to the leave given him by the Conference when the report was introduced.

Cannon's
notice of
printing
report.

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Revisals was read and, under the rule, was sent to the calendar.

Report No. 7 of the Committee on Revisals was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

G. H. Bates, of the South Carolina Conference, asked for permission to present a minority report in connection with Report No. 7 of the Committee on Revisals. It was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Minority of
Report
No. 7 on
Revisals.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Boundaries was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

The order of the day having arrived, J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, moved that the order be postponed until the completion of the call for reports, and that the remainder of the reports presented should be read by title, and, under the rule, be placed on the calendar.

Order of the
day post-
poned.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Temperance was presented and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Sunday Schools was presented and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Finance was presented and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

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Report No. 1 of the Committee on Colportage was presented and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Church Extension was presented and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Church Extension was presented and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Church Extension was presented and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Reports of special committees were called for, but none were presented.

Reports of
 special
 commit-
 tees.

Report No. 1
 on Pub-
 lishing In-
 terests.

The order of the day having arrived, Report No. 1 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS, REPORT No. 1.

Whereas, the Committee on Publishing Interests have had referred to them various and sundry memorials and papers setting forth the complaints and troubles growing out of the collection of our War Claim against the United States Government, which claim was due the Church on account of the occupancy of our Publishing House property and the damage done thereto by the Federal Army during the War between the States:

And whereas, our Book Committee entered into a contract with an attorney to go to Washington City and prosecute said claim before the United States Congress, but stipulated in said contract "that nothing should be done in the prosecution of the claim which would, even in the slightest degree, compromise the good name of the Church, and that rather than compromise the Church the Book Committee preferred not to have the claim paid":

And whereas, we have taken the memorials and papers above referred to under consideration and given to them such attention as we have had time and opportunity, we therefore submit the following touching all these matters:

Resolved, 1. That we condemn any departure of the attorney from the explicit instructions given to him by the Book Committee at the time they employed him, from which instructions he did depart, according to his own statements before the Senate Committee appointed to investigate these matters.

2. That we disapprove any language used by our Book Agents in their telegrams to Senators Pasco and Bate which they say misled them as to the amount of the fee the attorney was to receive for his services in collecting the claim.

3. That we approve the conditional proposition of our College of Bishops to "take the proper steps to have the entire amount returned to the Government if the Senate by affirmative action declares that the passage of the bill was due to misleading statements."

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4. That, inasmuch as the Senate, after receiving the conditional proposition of the bishops above referred to, by their official action discouraged the return of the money, and since eighty of the present members of the Senate have recently addressed a letter to Bishop Candler further discouraging and advising against any effort upon the part of the Church to refund the money, and since, furthermore, the Senate has officially declared the Church absolutely blameless in the whole transaction, we recommend that this be and is hereby a final settlement of all the questions involved in this controversy.

G. C. Rankin, of the North Texas Conference, asked that the words, "expressing themselves to the effect that the Church should not," be substituted for the words, "discouraging and advising against any effort on the part of the Church to"; and, on motion, his request was granted.

Rankin's
correction
of lan-
guage.

I. W. Clark, Chairman of the Committee on Public Worship, made announcements on behalf of that committee.

Announce-
ments.

On motion, the resolutions of the minority report of the Committee on Publishing Interests were read as follows:

Resolutions
of minority
report on
Publishing
Interests.

Resolved, 1. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, must stand, and does stand, for the highest honor and a scrupulous regard for the demands of truth and frankness. While no question has been, or can be, made as to the justice of the claim commonly known as the War Claim, we greatly deplore the fact that statements by representatives of the Church which were misleading and deceptive were made to secure the passage of the bill for its payment. We recognize that the Book Agents had no selfish purpose in making the statements made by them, and did not personally profit by the money, but we greatly deprecate the fact that they permitted their zeal for the Church, which they had served with great fidelity for many years, to cause them to be betrayed into a lack of that frankness and candor which had previously characterized them, and that they thus did themselves

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and the Church, which they and all of us love, great injustice. This General Conference, as the supreme representative of the Church, is constrained to express its condemnation of the statements, and to say that in making them these representatives did not properly represent the Church, and were not its exponents on the ethical questions involved.

Resolved, 2. That while we recognize the entire sincerity of the Book Committee, whose report has been submitted to this Conference, and realize that in a very trying and difficult position its members have labored zealously and conscientiously for what they conceived to be the good of the Church, and that this report expresses their conscientious convictions, yet this Conference cannot agree with the conclusions reached by them touching the means used to collect this claim, and expresses its dissent therefrom, in so far as these conclusions exonerate the Book Agents from blame.

Therefore, in order that there may be peace and harmony within the borders of our beloved Church, and that it may do no act that could call in question its good name, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the entire sum collected, namely, \$288,000, be returned to the United States government.
2. That a committee of nine members of the General Conference be appointed, who shall report to this Conference at as early a day as practicable a plan for carrying into execution the above resolution.
3. That we heartily indorse the letter written by our bishops to the Senate of the United States. It showed their jealous care of the good name of the Church, and indicated a wise solution of the matter.

Motion to
 consider
 seriatim
 prevails.

B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, moved that the minority resolutions be substituted for the majority report, and that the resolutions be considered seriatim; and his motion to consider seriatim prevailed.

Paper read
 for information.

Pending the consideration of resolution 1 of the minority report, W. G. Sykes, of the North Mississippi Conference, moved that a paper signed by W. F. McMurry and others be read for information; and his motion prevailed.

E. E. Hoss, of the Holston Conference, moved the following amendment:

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Amend by substituting for the words "misleading and deceptive" the words "ambiguous, and therefore liable to deceive."

Hoss's
amend-
ment of
resolu-
tion 1.

C. H. Briggs, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, moved to lay the substitute, with the amendment of E. E. Hoss, on the table.

Briggs's mo-
tion to ta-
ble amend-
ment.

On the call of more than one-fifth of the house, a vote by ayes and noes was ordered.

Ayes and
noes or-
dered.

The roll of the Conference was called, resulting in 152 ayes and 112 noes, as follows:

Roll called,
and
amend-
ment ta-
bled.

Ayes—E. W. Alderson, John A. Anderson, S. Anderson, James Atkins, John M. Barcus, R. J. Bigham, Horace Bishop, W. C. Black, John W. Boswell, T. F. Brewer, C. H. Briggs, J. A. Burrow, James Campbell, W. I. Canter, Charles W. Carter, R. A. Child, I. W. Clark, M. J. Cofer, Collins Denny, Thomas C. Downs, J. S. Frazer, J. Powell Garland, G. H. Gibbs, J. T. Gibbs, J. E. Godbey, V. A. Godbey, J. W. Grimes, M. L. Butler, Henry P. Hamill, P. H. Hensch, S. M. Hosmer, E. E. Hoss, W. H. Howard, John S. Hutchinson, S. L. Jewell, F. S. H. Johnston, H. B. Johnston, Samuel S. Keener, J. J. N. Kenney, John C. Kilgo, A. J. Lamar, R. H. Mahon, J. M. Mason, John P. McFerrin, J. H. McLean, W. F. McMurry, A. J. Meaders, J. H. Mitchel, R. C. Moorehead, Joseph T. Morris, W. B. Murrah, W. L. Nelms, John R. Nelson, T. R. Pierce, Jo. G. Putman, G. C. Rankin, A. Redd, C. F. Roberts, John S. Robertson, J. C. Rowe, T. D. Scott, J. R. Scroggs, H. S. Shangle, John D. Simpson, A. Coke Smith, E. S. Smith, J. W. Stovall, W. T. J. Sullivan, R. B. Swift, F. D. Swindell, S. G. Thompson, S. B. Turrentine, W. E. Vaughan, T. S. Wade, Seth Ward, T. H. Ware, R. G. Waterhouse, Alexander F. Watkins, A. J. Weeks, Anson West, Peter H. Whisner, Paul Whitehead, John O. Willson, William H. Winton, E. H. Abernathy, T. C. Banks, W. J. Barcus, Sidney Bass, J. R. Bingham, Thomas Bradford, J. G. Brown, B. M. Burgher, James Buttrick, A. G. Campbell, J. D. Clary, D. B. Coltrane, J. J. Coppedge, J. E. Crawford, F. M. Daniel, Robert T. Daniel, L. Blaylock, J. M. Doss, T. E. Edwards, William Elliott, M. D. Fields, Tipton T. Fishburne, T. S. Garrison, F. Stikeleather, John A. Grose, Henry C. Grote, H. C. Gay, R. M. Henderson, J. W. Hicks, George C. Hodges, A. Elias Huddlestun, Gilbert

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J. Hunt, J. L. Jarman, T. W. Jordan, J. W. Kemper, T. B. King, Lucius P. Little, R. T. Marshall, W. W. Martin, S. B. McCutchen, A. M. McMillan, R. W. Millsaps, Charles E. Muller, George M. Napier, J. A. Odell, J. R. Pepper, E. G. Gillett, Arthur B. Pugh, John F. Quillien, Perry S. Rader, E. C. Reeves, J. M. Robertson, Olin King, Nathan M. Rowe, Creed F. Bates, W. N. Sheats, J. H. Southgate, W. E. Springer, E. H. Stevenson, W. M. Thornton, P. C. Thurmond, N. R. Tisdale, D. C. Turnipseed, W. F. Vandiver, M. Lauck Walton, William E. Weir, W. E. Williams, F. B. Sinex—152.

Noes—Gross Alexander, Josephus Anderson, G. M. Gibson, W. E. Arnold, R. H. Barnett, Z. T. Bennett, J. O. Branch, James Cannon, Jr., Joseph S. Chandler, J. A. Clifton, J. F. Corbin, J. W. Daniel, C. E. Dowman, J. F. G. Finley, W. F. Glenn, J. D. Hammond, W. A. Hanna, J. P. Hilburn, J. W. Howell, Robert Paine Howell, T. N. Ivey, D. C. Kelley, T. L. Lallance, B. F. Lipscomb, William P. Lovejoy, W. C. Lovett, C. D. Mann, Fielding Marvin, J. B. McGehee, T. L. Mellen, W. S. Neighbors, W. B. North, William B. Palmore, W. R. Peebles, W. K. Piner, J. H. Pritchett, H. B. Reams, James C. Reed, C. F. Reid, Frank Richardson, W. R. Richardson, John B. Robins, John T. Sawyer, J. D. Scott, R. D. Smart, John R. Stewart, J. W. Tarboux, Jno. J. Tigert, W. F. Tillett, S. H. Wainright, J. H. Weaver, A. M. Williams, G. B. Winton, Julius E. Wright, S. B. Adams, N. B. Ainsworth, W. M. Allison, R. G. Applegate, H. G. Armstrong, M. C. Austin, W. S. Baker, W. W. Ball, J. Y. Barbee, Wilbur F. Barclay, G. H. Bates, B. D. Bell, M. E. Benton, L. P. Brown, B. J. Casteel, J. B. Clark, W. J. Clay, J. G. Clinkscales, E. B. Craighead, F. A. Critz, T. J. Barham, J. L. Day, E. Ehrlich, C. C. Featherstone, Isaac Hardeman, W. R. Power, J. R. Hindman, George M. Jones, R. W. Jones, J. H. McCollum, A. C. Miller, M. L. Montgomery, C. W. Morrison, H. C. Morrison, E. G. Moseley, T. Nishikawa, W. H. Park, H. E. W. Palmer, John Potter, E. G. Gregg, C. B. Rhodes, D. C. Scales, Thomas Shackelford, O. M. Smith, William W. Smith, D. W. Stanley, Jordan Stokes, E. A. Strange, J. P. Strother, W. G. Sykes, R. B. Taylor, W. B. Thompson, C. W. Tillett, W. W. Vicar, I. D. Wall, W. R. Webb, Francis T. West, C. W. White—112.

Resolution 2
 laid on table.

Resolution second was read. Arthur B. Pugh, of the Baltimore Conference, moved that it be laid on the table. On a division of the house, the resolution was laid on the

table by 155 votes in the affirmative, which is a clear majority of the Conference.

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Resolution 1 of the second series of the minority report was read.

Resolution 1
of second
series read.

It was moved that the resolution be laid on the table, and, on a proper call, the ayes and noes were ordered. The resolution was laid on the table by 159 ayes to 105 noes, as follows.

Tabled on
aye and
no vote.

Ayes—E. W. Alderson, John A. Anderson, S. Anderson, James Atkins, John M. Barcus, R. J. Bigham, Horace Bishop, W. C. Black, John W. Boswell, J. O. Branch, T. F. Brewer, C. H. Briggs, J. A. Burrow, James Campbell, W. I. Canter, Charles W. Carter, R. A. Child, I. W. Clark, M. J. Cofer, Collins Denny, Thomas C. Downs, J. S. Frazer, J. Powell Garland, G. H. Gibbs, J. T. Gibbs, J. E. Godbey, V. A. Godbey, J. W. Grimes, M. L. Butler, Henry P. Hamill, P. H. Hensch, S. M. Hosmer, E. E. Hoss, W. H. Howard, John S. Hutchinson, S. L. Jewell, F. S. H. Johnston, H. B. Johnston, Samuel S. Keener, J. J. N. Kenney, John C. Kilgo, A. J. Lamar, R. H. Mahon, J. M. Mason, J. H. McLean, W. F. McMurry, A. J. Meaders, J. H. Mitchel, R. C. Moorehead, Joseph P. Morris, W. B. Murrell, W. L. Nelms, John R. Nelson, T. R. Pierce, Jo. G. Putman, G. C. Rankin, C. F. Roberts, John R. Robertson, J. C. Rowe, J. D. Scott, T. D. Scott, H. S. Shangle, John D. Simpson, A. Coke Smith, E. S. Smith, J. W. Stovall, W. T. J. Sullivan, R. B. Swift, F. D. Swindell, S. G. Thompson, S. B. Turrentine, W. E. Vaughan, T. S. Wade, Seth Ward, T. H. Ware, R. G. Waterhouse, A. F. Watkins, J. H. Weaver, A. J. Weeks, Anson West, Peter H. Whisner, Paul Whitehead, G. B. Winton, William H. Winton, D. H. Abernathy, H. G. Armstrong, T. C. Banks, J. Y. Barbee, W. J. Barcus, Sidney Bass, J. R. Bingham, Thomas Bradford, J. G. Brown, B. M. Burgher, James Buttrick, A. G. Campbell, J. D. Clary, D. B. Coltrane, J. J. Coppedge, J. E. Crawford, F. M. Daniel, Robert T. Daniel, J. L. Day, L. Blaylock, J. M. Doss, T. E. Edwards, William Elliott, M. D. Fields, T. T. Fishburne, T. S. Garrison, F. Stikeleather, John A. Grose, Henry T. Grote, H. C. Gay, R. M. Henderson, J. W. Hicks, George C. Hodges, A. Elias Huddlestun, Gilbert J. Hunt, J. L. Jarman, T. W. Jordan, J. W. Kemper, T. B. King, Lucius P. Little, W. W. Martin, S. B. McCutchen, A. M. McMillan, A. C. Miller, R. W. Millsaps, Charles E. Miller, George M. Napier, J. A. Odell, J. R. Pepper, E. G. Gillette, Arthur B. Pugh, John F.

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Quillien, E. C. Reeves, J. M. Robertson, Olin King, Nathan M. Rowe, Creed F. Bates, Thomas Shackelford, W. N. Sheats, J. H. Southgate, W. E. Springer, D. W. Stanley, E. H. Stevenson, E. A. Strange, W. G. Sykes, W. B. Thompson, W. M. Thornton, E. C. Thurmond, N. R. Tisdale, D. C. Turnipseed, W. F. Vandiver, M. Lauck Walton, William E. Weir, W. E. Williams, F. B. Sinex—159.

Noes—Gross Alexander, Josephus Anderson, G. M. Gibson, W. E. Arnold, R. H. Barnett, Z. T. Bennett, James Cannon, Jr., Joseph S. Chandler, J. A. Clifton, J. F. Corbin, J. W. Daniel, C. E. Dowman, J. F. G. Finley, W. F. Glenn, J. D. Hammond, W. A. Hanna, J. P. Hilburn, J. W. Howell, R. P. Howell, T. N. Ivey, D. C. Kelley, T. L. Lallance, B. F. Lipscomb, W. P. Lovejoy, W. C. Lovett, C. D. Mann, Fielding Marvin, John P. McFerrin, J. B. McGehee, T. L. Mellen, W. S. Neighbors, W. B. North, W. B. Palmore, W. R. Peebles, W. K. Piner, J. H. Pritchett, H. B. Reams, A. Redd, James C. Reed, C. F. Reid, Frank Richardson, W. R. Richardson, John B. Robins, John T. Sawyer, J. R. Scroggs, R. D. Smart, John R. Stewart, J. W. Tarboux, Jno. J. Tigert, W. F. Tillett, S. H. Wainright, A. M. Williams, John O. Willson, Julius E. Wright, S. B. Adams, N. B. Ainsworth, W. M. Allison, R. G. Applegate, M. C. Austin, W. S. Baker, W. W. Ball, Wilbur F. Barclay, G. H. Bates, B. D. Bell, M. E. Benton, L. P. Brown, B. J. Casteel, J. B. Clark, W. J. Clay, J. G. Clinkscales, E. B. Craighead, F. A. Critz, T. J. Barham, E. Ehrlich, C. C. Featherstone, Isaac Harde-man, W. R. Power, J. R. Hindman, George M. Jones, R. W. Jones, R. T. Marshall, J. H. McCollum, M. L. Montgomery, C. W. Morrison, H. C. Morrison, E. G. Moseley, T. Nishikawa, W. H. Park, H. E. W. Palmer, John Potter, B. G. Gregg, Perry S. Rader, C. B. Rhodes, D. C. Scales, O. M. Smith, William W. Smith, Jordan Stokes, J. P. Strother, R. B. Taylor, C. W. Tillett, W. W. Vicar, I. D. Wall, W. R. Webb, Francis T. West, C. W. White—105.

Resolution 2
tabled.

Resolution 2 of the second series was read, and, on motion, it was laid on the table.

Resolution 3
tabled.

Resolution 3 of the second series was read, and, on motion, it was laid on the table.

Minority re-
port as a
whole ta-
bled.

It was moved that the minority report as a whole be laid on the table, and the motion prevailed.

McMurry's
substitute
for major-
ity report.

W. F. McMurry, of the Missouri Conference, moved that the paper presented by him and read by the Secretary be substituted for the majority report.

Willson's
amend-
ment.

J. O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference,

moved an amendment that the following words be added at the end of the paper:

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And that the settlement be certified to the Congress of the United States by our bishops and secretaries, with the request that the same be printed in the Congressional Record.

The amendment was accepted by the movers of the paper. Accepted.

James Atkins, of the Western North Carolina Conference, moved the adoption of the following amendment: Atkins's
amend-
ment.

When the bill "for the relief of the Book Agents of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," was pending before the Senate of the United States, on March 1, 1898, a resolution was introduced by one of the Senators proposing to limit the amount to be paid the attorney in the case to \$5,000. In the consideration of this resolution the statement was made by certain Senators that nothing was to be paid for these services, and that the statement was made on the authority of the Book Agents. When it was subsequently developed that the special attorney received 35 per cent. of the amount, a resolution was passed by the Senate for the appointment of a committee of investigation, which should inquire into the facts of the case. After full investigation, that committee made its report to the Senate, July 8, 1898. The report of the senatorial investigating committee articulates but one complaint, namely: that the Book Agents, by the withholding of certain information, prevented the Senate from exercising the right, which it claimed, of determining how much of the amount appropriated should be paid to an attorney and how much to the beneficiaries.

The representatives of the Church maintained that the Senate had no right to make such an inquiry; in reply to which claim the Senate committee (page 3) speaks as follows:

"The committee do not agree with the contention that the Senate had no right to inquire into the subject of compensation for services rendered by their attorney to the Book Agents. The Senate was passing upon the question of a claim against the United States made by trustees, not for their personal use, but for the benefit of certain beneficiaries, and there was the same jurisdiction and right to protect the beneficiaries from excessive charges and extortion that is constantly exercised by the courts of the land when cases are being tried which affect the estates of infants and trust funds."

The committee says further (page 3):

"If these denials of the existence of a contract had not been made to the Senate from a source which was entitled to entire

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credit, the bill would not have been passed by the Senate unless it had been so amended as to protect the beneficiaries from what many Senators regard as a waste and improper use of the fund by the payment of an excessive and unreasonable fee."

The committee makes the issue which it had raised as clear as possible when it says on page 4 that "if there was any mistake or omission on the part of the Senate, it was in failing to protect the beneficiaries against the Book Agents, Barbee and Smith, whose duty it was to guard their interests, and this would have been done if the information that properly belonged to them had not been withheld."

The committee's statement of the ground on which the Senate claimed the right to determine the amount of attorney's fee shows that the Senate wholly misapprehended the nature of the fund with which it was dealing. Nevertheless, inasmuch as there is no court to determine a question of this character between the Senate and the Church, and in order to the full and final adjustment of troubles which have arisen to the Church through the Senate's assertion of that claim, we ask that the Senate, having now all the facts before it, shall, through a proper committee, determine what amount would have been a reasonable compensation for the services of the said attorney. This done, we pledge ourselves to raise a sum equal to the difference between such sum as the Senate shall name and the amount paid by the Book Committee to the attorney, and to place the same in the treasury of the Publishing House for the beneficiaries of the fund, in order that the amount in the treasury of the Publishing House shall stand in exact accord with what would have been the will of the Senate had they been in possession beforehand of all the information for which they asked.

Whenever the Senate shall have taken the action herein asked, our bishops are directed to make a call on the Church for the voluntary contribution of whatever amount the Senate may designate, and we pledge our hearty participation in and coöperation with all their efforts to promptly secure the amount.

The investigating committee, in speaking of the conduct of our Agents, says (page 4):

"The acts of these gentlemen can be passed upon by the authorities of the great religious organization whose officers they are and of which they are members, and the responsibility of determining what action is necessary to preserve the honor and integrity of the Church rests with the governing authorities, whose duty it is to enforce and carry out its laws and principles."

Such action has been taken by the properly constituted authorities of our Church; which action, while taken in accordance with the suggestion of the Senate, was not taken by virtue of it.

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Independently of the right of the Senate to inquire into the amount to be paid to an attorney, we deeply regret any forms of statement which, whether intentional or unintentional, misled either individuals or the Senate. **JAMES ATKINS,**
F. STIKELEATHER.

On motion of E. C. Reeves, of the Holston Conference, the amendment of James Atkins was laid on the table.

Laid on the
table.

The Chair, ruling that the tabling of an amendment carried to the table the paper of which it was an amendment, Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, appealed from the decision of the Chair; and the decision of the Chair was not sustained.

Chair's ruling not
sustained.

On motion, it was ordered that the paper before the house be considered by items.

McMurry
paper con-
sidered by
items.

W. W. Smith, of the Virginia Conference, moved that the Conference do now adjourn.

Motion to ad-
journ.

It was moved as a substitute that, when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet to-night at 8 o'clock; and on a division of the house, the substitute was adopted by 162 votes in the affirmative, which is a majority of the Conference.

Substitute
for night
session
adopted.

It was again moved that the Conference do now adjourn; and on a division of the house, the motion to adjourn was lost by 112 votes in the affirmative to 129 in the negative.

Motion to
adjourn re-
newed and
lost.

W. W. Smith, of the Virginia Conference, moved to amend resolution 1 by striking out the words "any and all persons," and inserting "the authorized Agents."

Smith's mo-
tion to
amend
resolu-
tion 1.

It was moved that the amendment of W. W. Smith be laid on the table; and on a division of the house, it was laid on the table by 153 votes in the affirmative, which is a majority of the Conference.

Laid on
table.

F. A. Critz, of the North Mississippi Conference, offered a substitute for the pending resolution, which, on a point of order made by Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, was declared out of order.

Critz's sub-
stitute out
of order.

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Resolution 1 was adopted.

Resolution 2 was read.

Resolution 1
adopted.

The following amendment was offered:

Resolution 2
read.

Palmer's
amend-
ment.

Whereas it appears from the report of the Book Committee now before us that \$2,542.45 of the \$288,000 belonged to a private claimant for a loss sustained by him, and did not represent, so far as that amount is concerned, any claim of the Church itself, therefore be it

Resolved, That this General Conference hereby directs the return of said amount of \$2,542.45 to the United States government.

H. E. W. PALMER,

W. C. LOVETT.

Adjourn-
ment.

It was moved that the Conference do now adjourn; and on a division of the house, adjournment was ordered by 145 votes in the affirmative, which is a majority of the Conference.

The Conference sang the doxology, and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Hargrove.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference
meets.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 8 P.M., Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

Religious
services.

Religious services were conducted by C. H. Briggs, of the Southwest Missouri Conference.

Minutes
approved.

The minutes of the morning session were read, corrected, and approved.

Bishop Dun-
can pre-
sides.

Bishop Duncan took the chair.

Palmer's
resolution.

P. C. Thurmond, of the Northwest Texas Conference, moved to lay on the table the resolution of H. E. W. Palmer which was before the Conference on adjournment this morning.

Ruled out of
order.

The Chair ruled the resolution of H. E. W. Palmer out of order.

Resolution 2
of McMur-
ry's substi-
tute read.

Resolution 2 of the substitute offered by W. F. McMurry and others was read.

Richardson's
amend-
ment.

Frank Richardson, of the Holston Conference, offered the following amendment:

Resolved, That we indorse the proposition of our bishops to take steps to have the money restored to the government of the United States, but there not being unanimity of opinion as to the significance of their let-

ter to the Senate of the United States, we hereby legalize that proposition, and declare our readiness to return the money to the United States government, whenever the Congress of the United States shall affirm the willingness of the government to receive it.

FRANK RICHARDSON,
R. W. JONES.

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A motion was made to lay the amendment of Frank Richardson on the table; and on a division of the house, it was laid on the table by a vote of 147 in the affirmative to 86 in the negative.

Laid on the
table.

George M. Napier, of the North Georgia Conference, offered the following amendment:

Napier's
amend-
ment.

Amend the second resolution by striking out the words "which shall be invested as a permanent fund, the interest from which shall be annually paid to the beneficiaries under the sixth restrictive rule," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "which, as raised, shall be added to any fund for superannuated preachers and widows and orphans of preachers which may be provided for by subsequent action of this Conference, and shall be subject to the conditions of such action."

A. J. LAMAR,
G. M. NAPIER.

After some discussion, the amendment was withdrawn.

Withdrawn.

Gilbert J. Hunt, of the Virginia Conference, moved to lay resolution 2 on the table; and on a division of the house, it was laid on the table by 126 votes in the affirmative to 114 in the negative.

Resolution 2
tabled.

A motion was made to lay resolution 3 on the table; and on a division of the house, it was laid on the table by 148 votes in the affirmative, which is a majority of the Conference.

Resolution 3
tabled.

T. W. Jordan, of the Holston Conference, moved that the preamble be amended by striking out the following language:

Jordan's
amend-
ment of
preamble.

But, whereas the sum of \$100,800 was diverted from the Church in the collection of said War Claim, and this diversion of a large percentage of the amount paid by the government was unexpected and unknown to the members of Congress who advocated and voted for the appropriation to pay said claim.

And the motion prevailed.

Adopted.

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T. W. Jordan offered the following amendment of the resolutions:

Jordan's
amend-
ment of
resolutions.

Resolved, That we indorse the purpose of our bishops in their communication to the United States Senate, and do hereby ratify and confirm their conditional tender of the money and make their action the act of this General Conference and declaratory of the mind of the Church, and that this action be entered on the Journal of the General Conference as a final disposition of the whole matter.

T. W. JORDAN,
C. H. BRIGGS.

Motion to
postpone.

C. D. Mann, of the South Carolina Conference, moved the indefinite postponement of the substitute and the amendment.

Laid on
table.

B. M. Burgher, of the Northwest Texas Conference, moved that the motion of C. D. Mann be laid on the table; and his motion prevailed.

Motion to ta-
ble substi-
tute lost.

Frank Richardson moved that the whole substitute be laid on the table; but his motion did not prevail.

Alderson's
paper read.

B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, moved that E. W. Alderson be permitted to read a paper for information; and the motion prevailed.

Pending
question
ordered.

G. C. Rankin, of the North Texas Conference, moved the pending question, and it was ordered by 168 votes in the affirmative, which is a majority of the Conference.

Jordan
amendment
adopted.

On a division of the house, the amendment of T. W. Jordan was adopted by 147 votes in the affirmative to 93 in the negative.

Motion to ad-
journ fails.

A motion to adjourn was lost by 105 votes in the affirmative to 147 in the negative.

Preamble
adopted.

S. S. Keener, of the Louisiana Conference, moved the adoption of the preamble; and the motion prevailed.

Adjourn-
ment.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

The doxology was sung, and Bishop Duncan pronounced the benediction.

THIRTEENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1902.

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DAY.

The General Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Duncan in the chair.

Conference
meets.
Religious
services.

Religious services were conducted by J. J. N. Kenney, of the Pacific Conference.

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

Bishop Galloway took the chair.

S. S. Keener, of the Louisiana Conference, moved the adoption of the substitute as a whole.

James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, moved to lay the substitute on the table.

The result of the vote being doubtful, a division was called for, and 79 votes were cast in the affirmative and 113 were cast in the negative; and the motion to table did not prevail.

The vote recurring on the motion to adopt the substitute as a whole, it was adopted.

J. E. Godbey, of the Little Rock Conference, moved that the substitute as adopted be referred to a special committee of five, for the correction of any grammatical inaccuracies or inconsistencies of statement, and be reported back to this Conference; and the motion prevailed.

George M. Gibson, of the Missouri Conference, moved that the vote by which the Conference adopted the substitute be reconsidered.

On motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Reports of standing committees were called for, and the following were presented:

Report No. 8 of the Committee on Revisals was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 9 of the Committee on Revisals was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

R. W. Jones, of the North Mississippi Conference, moved that the reports of the committees as called be read by titles only and referred to the calendar; and the motion prevailed.

James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, moved that the Secretary be instructed to furnish the editor of the *Daily Advocate* the record of the aye and no votes of yesterday morning's session; and the motion prevailed.

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Minutes
approved.

Bishop Galloway
pre-sides.

Keener's
motion to
adopt sub-
stitute as a
whole.

Cannon's
motion to
table.

Does not pre-
vail.

Substitute
as whole
adopted.

Referred to
special
committee
for correc-
tion.

Motion to re-
consider
action on
substitute.

Laid on
table.

Reports of
standing
commit-
tees.

Reports to
be read by
titles only.

Aye and no
votes to be
furnished
Advocate.

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Report No. 6 of the Committee on Missions was presented and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 7 of the Committee on Finance was presented and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Reports of
special
commit-
tees.

Reports of special committees were called for, and the following were presented:

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Rules was presented and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Committee
for correc-
tion of re-
port on
War Claim
announced.

The Chair announced the committee of five ordered for the correction of grammatical inaccuracies and inconsistencies in the paper for the final settlement of the War Claim, as follows: J. E. Godbey, T. W. Jordan, Paul Whitehead, W. F. McMurry, George B. Winton.

Report No. 1
on Ep-
worth
League.

The calendar was taken up, and Report No. 1 of the Committee on Epworth League was read and considered item by item.

Item 1
adopted.

Item 1 was read and adopted.

Item 2
adopted.

Item 2 was read and adopted.

Item 3
adopted.

Item 3 was read and adopted.

Item 4 read.

Item 4 was read.

Motion to
amend lost.

Thomas Bradford and T. C. Banks moved to amend item 4 by striking out "thirteen" and substituting "seven" as the number of the Board. The vote was taken on the amendment, and it was lost.

Item 4
adopted.

Item 4 was adopted.

Item 5
adopted.

Item 5 was read and adopted.

Item 6 read.

Item 6 was read.

Peebles's
amend-
ment
adopted.

An amendment was offered by W. R. Peebles and others to strike out the words "clerical member of an Annual Conference," and substitute therefor "member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South"; and the amendment was adopted.

Item 6, as
amended,
adopted.

Item 6 was then adopted, as amended.

Item 7
adopted.

Item 7 was read and adopted.

Item 8
adopted.

Item 8 was read and adopted.

Item 9
adopted.

Item 9 was read and adopted.

Item 10
adopted.

Item 10 was read and adopted.

Item 11
adopted.

Item 11 was read and adopted.

Item 12
adopted.

Item 12 was read and adopted.

Item 13 was read and adopted.

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On motion of W. F. McMurry, of the Missouri Conference, the report as a whole was adopted. (See Report, p. 000.)

Item 13
adopted.
Report as a
whole
adopted.
Vicar's reso-
lutions.

W. W. Vicar, of the Virginia Conference, offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the Book Agents pay the bill for printing the minority report of the Committee on Publishing Interests, charging the same to account of the *Daily Advocate*.

Resolved, 2. That said minority report be sent out with the next edition of the *Daily Advocate*, as a supplement therewith, to all subscribers.

W. W. VICAR.
J. C. REED.

E. E. Hoss, of the Holston Conference, moved the following amendment:

Hoss's
amend-
ment.

Resolved, That the majority of the Committee on Publishing Interests be also authorized to publish at the expense of the Publishing House a reply to the argument contained in the minority report.

On motion of Frank Richardson, the resolutions were divided.

Resolutions
divided.

On motion, resolution 1 was adopted.

Resolution 1
adopted.

The previous question was called for, and on division of the house it was ordered by 118 votes in the affirmative to 100 in the negative.

Previous
question
ordered.

Resolution 2 was lost, and the amendment of E. E. Hoss withdrawn.

Resolution 2
lost.

The Chair introduced Bishop Isaac Lane, fraternal delegate of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America, who delivered the fraternal greetings of that body to the General Conference. (See p. 299.)

Bishop
Lane's ad-
dress.

Bishop Galloway made appropriate response.

Bishop
Galloway
responds.

The Chair introduced Mr. J. H. Pye, one of the Publishing Agents of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Pye in-
troduced.

On motion of F. D. Swindell, Report No. 5 of the Committee on Missions was taken from the calendar out of order and put upon its passage.

Report No. 5
on Mis-
sions put
on passage.

On motion, it was considered by items.

Considered
by items.

Item 1 was read.

Item 1 read.

J. O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference, moved to amend by striking out item 1 of the report.

Wilson's
motion to
amend.

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Pending
question
ordered.

Item 1 not
stricken
out.

Lipscomb's
amend-
ment.

The pending question was ordered.

On a division of the house, the item was not stricken out, there being but 85 votes in the affirmative.

B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, offered the following amendment:

Amend item 1 by striking out all after the word "Board" in line 20 as printed in the *Daily Advocate*, so that the last passage of the paragraph shall read, "the Assistant Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected quadrennially by the incoming Board."

B. F. LIPSCOMB,
W. W. VICAR.

Adopted.

On motion, the amendment was adopted.

Item 1, as
amended,
adopted.

Item 1, as amended, was adopted.

Item 2
adopted.

Item 2 was read and adopted.

Item 3
adopted.

Item 3 was read and adopted.

Item 4
adopted.

Item 4 was read and adopted.

Item 5
adopted.

Item 5 was read and adopted.

Item 6 read.

Item 6 was read.

White's
amend-
ment
prevails.

C. W. White, of the Florida Conference, offered as an amendment to insert the word "annually" after the word "estimate"; and the amendment prevailed.

Cofer's mo-
tion to
strike out
fails.

M. J. Cofer, of the South Georgia Conference, moved to strike out the words "and to provide for the expense of the same"; but his motion did not prevail.

Item 6, as
amended,
adopted.

Item 6, as amended, was adopted.

Item 7
adopted.

Item 7 was read and adopted.

Item 8
adopted.

Item 8 was read and adopted.

Item 9
adopted.

Item 9 was read and adopted.

Item 10
adopted.

Item 10 was read and adopted.

Report as a
whole
adopted.

On motion, the report as a whole was adopted. (See Report, p. 231.)

Call for re-
ports re-
sumed.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Boundaries was presented and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

A minority report in connection with this report was presented and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Temperance was presented and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

McLean's
paper on
elections.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, presented a paper on the order of elections.

Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, offered a substitute for the second resolution, so that the paper, as adopted, read as follows:

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Amended
and adopt-
ed.

Resolved, 1. That the election of bishops and connec-
tional officers ordered for to-morrow shall be in the fol-
lowing order: Bishops; Editor of *Christian Advocate*; Book
Editor and Editor of *Review*; Editor of Sunday-school
Periodicals; General Secretary of the Epworth League;
Book Agents; Missionary Secretary; Church Extension
Secretary; Secretary of Education.

Resolved, 2. That we ballot for one bishop at a time.

On motion, leave of absence was granted W. B. Sykes,
of the North Mississippi Conference.

W. B. Sykes
granted
leave.

A. J. Lamar, of the Alabama Conference, offered a
resolution that everything pertaining to the War Claim,
except the final action in settlement thereof, be stricken
from the Journal of the General Conference.

Lamar's
resolution.

The Chair ruled the resolution out of order.

Ruled out of
order.

B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, moved
that, when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet to-night at
8 o'clock; but his motion did not prevail.

Motion for
night ses-
sion lost.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Rules was read and
adopted, as follows:

Report No. 2
on Rules
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON RULES, REPORT NO. 2.

We have had under consideration a paper, signed by A.
Redd and others, asking that Rule 3 be amended by adding
the words, "unless their appointment be otherwise provided
for by the Conference"; so that the whole sentence will read:
"Special committees ordered by the Conference shall be ap-
pointed by the bishop presiding at the time, unless otherwise
ordered by the Conference."

We recommend nonconcurrency.

JNO. J. TIGERT, *Chairman*.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Bible Cause was
read and adopted, as follows:

Report No. 1
on Bible
Cause
adopted.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE, REPORT NO. 1.

Your special committee on the American Bible Society have
considered the memorial of the Holston delegation requesting
the enactment of a law making it the duty of each Annual
Conference to appoint a Bible Society Board, consisting of

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one member from each presiding elder's district, at the first session after each General Conference, to hold four years, concur in the request, and suggest the following:

To Section II., Chapter II, of the Discipline add another paragraph to be numbered Paragraph 67, in the following words: "Let every Annual Conference, at its first session after each General Conference, appoint a Bible Society Board, to consist of one member from each presiding elder's district, and to continue in office four years."

Respectfully submitted:

FRANK RICHARDSON, *Chairman.*
C. F. REID, *Secretary.*

Report No. 2
on Re-
visals.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Revisals was taken up and considered by items.

Item 1
adopted.

Item 1 was read and adopted.

Item 2
adopted.

Item 2 was read and adopted.

Item 3
adopted.

Item 3 was read and adopted.

Report as a
whole
adopted.

On motion, the report as a whole was adopted. (See Report, p. 216.)

Adjourn-
ment.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

The doxology was sung, and Bishop Galloway pronounced the benediction.

FOURTEENTH DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1902.**MAY 22.**
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Conference met at 9 A.M., pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Galloway in the chair.

Conference
meets.

Religious services were conducted by J. S. Hutchinson, of the Baltimore Conference.

Religious
services.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Minutes
approved.

Action on
election of
bishops.

W. L. Nelms, of the Northwest Texas Conference, moved a reconsideration of the action by which it was determined to ballot for one bishop at a time.

On motion, the pending question was ordered.

Reconsid-
ered.

On a division of the house, the motion to reconsider prevailed by 136 votes in the affirmative to 73 in the negative.

Nelms's sub-
stitute.

The following substitute for the action of the Conference was offered:

Resolved, That when we vote for bishops, we vote for two on each ballot, and, in the event that three have a

majority of the votes cast, the two having the highest number shall be declared elected.

W. L. NELMS,

M. J. COFER.

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On motion, the pending question was ordered.

Adopted.

The vote being taken upon the substitute of W. L. Nelms, it prevailed.

T. B. King, of the Memphis Conference, presented the following paper:

King's paper
on election
of bishops.

Resolved, 1. That in the election of bishops and connec-tional officers the roll of the Conferences shall be called, and the chairman of each delegation shall announce the number of votes cast by his delegation, and shall count the vote into the hands of the tellers.

Resolved, 2. That the Chair shall appoint six tellers, who shall act during the election of bishops and connec-tional officers.

THOS. B. KING,

H. B. JOHNSTON,

J. R. PEPPER.

An amendment was offered by J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, that the tellers be permitted to retire with a secretary of the Conference, to count the ballots; and the amendment prevailed.

McLean's
amend-
ment
prevails.

On motion, the resolutions, as amended, were adopted.

Resolutions,
as amend-
ed, adopt-
ed.

On motion, O. M. Smith, of the South Georgia Con-ference, was granted leave of absence after to-day.

O. M. Smith
granted
leave.

The Secretary read the report of the special commit-tee of five to correct the grammatical inaccuracies and inconsistencies of statement in the resolutions adopted by the Conference on the Publishing House Claim, and on motion, it was accepted. (See Report, p. 220.)

Corrected
report on
War Claim
accepted.

B. W. Akard, lay alternate of the Northwest Texas Conference, was recognized and seated, *vice* R. S. Hyer, absent.

B. W. Akard
seated.

S. B. Adams, of the South Georgia Conference, asked and was granted permission, in the name of the minority of the Committee on Publishing Interests, to amend a certain part of the minority report as follows:

Adams's
request to
amend
report.

The undersigned members of the minority Committee on Publishing Interests ask permission to add to their report on the War Claim the following:

We are assured by Dr. Denny, the Chairman of the Book

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Committee, that the suggestion that no improper methods be used by the attorney in the prosecution of this claim came from him, and was agreed to by the Book Committee; that he did not distrust and had no reason to distrust his attorney, and the suggestion was made solely because it occurred to him that the attorney would probably have to call in the assistance of claim agents in Washington, and he wished him to be careful to select such assistants as would thoroughly protect the good name of the Church. We fully accept this assurance as entirely true and frank, and we therefore withdraw any statement in the preamble to our report which seems to criticise him on account of this selection of an attorney or this caution.

SAMUEL B. ADAMS, R. G. APPLGATE,
 GEORGE M. GIBSON, S. H. WAINRIGHT,
 J. W. DANIEL, M. L. MONTGOMERY,
 H. E. W. PALMER, JORDAN STOKES,
 J. R. HINDMAN.

Leaves of
 absence
 granted.

On motion, leave of absence was granted, after today's session, to Olin King and W. R. Power, of the North Georgia Conference; S. B. McCutchen, of the Louisiana Conference; R. W. Jones, of the North Mississippi Conference; J. W. Hicks, of the Holston Conference; D. W. Stanley, of the Florida Conference; C. C. Featherstone, of the South Carolina Conference; and W. E. Springer, of the North Carolina Conference.

Reports of
 standing
 committees.

Reports of standing committees were called for, and the following were presented:

Report No. 7
 on Episco-
 pacy
 adopted.

Report No. 7 of the Committee on Episcopacy was read, and, on motion, the rule was suspended, and the report was adopted. (See Report, p. 200.)

Report No. 8 of the Committee on Episcopacy was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 9
 on Episco-
 pacy
 adopted.

Report No. 9 of the Committee on Episcopacy was read, and, on motion, the rule was suspended, and the report was adopted. (See Report, p. 200.)

Reports read
 by title
 only.

Seth Ward, of the Texas Conference, moved that the reports presented on the call of the committees be read by title only, and placed on the calendar; and the motion prevailed.

Report No. 10 of the Committee on Revisals was presented and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was presented and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

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Report No. 5 of the Committee on Sunday Schools was presented. James Atkins, of the Western North Carolina Conference, requested the reading of the report, and it was read. On motion, the rule was suspended, and the report was adopted. (See Report, p. 243.)

Report No. 5
on Sunday
Schools
adopted.

Reports of special committees were called for.

Reports of
special
commit-
tees.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Federation was read.

Report No. 1
on Federa-
tion.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, moved the postponement of the order of the day until the call of the committees should be completed; and the motion prevailed.

Order of day
postponed.

P. H. Whisner, of the Baltimore Conference, moved that the rule be suspended, and Report No. 1 of the Committee on Federation be put upon its passage; and the motion prevailed.

Rule sus-
pended.

On motion, the previous question was ordered, and the report was adopted, as follows:

Report No. 1
on Federa-
tion
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON FEDERATION, REPORT NO. 1.

The Committee on Federation beg leave to report that we have carefully considered the minutes of the Joint Commission on Federation between the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held in the city of Baltimore, Md., March 27, 1902.

We are gratified at the harmony that prevailed throughout their deliberations and the conclusions reached.

We are pleased also to note the growing indications of fraternal feeling and coöperation between these two great branches of Methodism, and fondly hope that the spirit of fraternity and coöperation will, in the near future, do away with all hurtful rivalry.

We regret to note that the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church did not approve in every particular the action of the Joint Commission on Federation, at its session in 1900. We appreciate, however, the fraternal spirit of the Methodist Episcopal Church in placing under our charge their mission work in Brazil, and rejoice to note the agreement between the Mission Boards of the two Churches

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by which the island of Cuba falls to the supervision of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the islands of Porto Rico and the Philippines to the supervision of the Methodist Episcopal Church. We also appreciate and approve the effort to unify the Methodisms of Japan.

We offer for adoption by the General Conference the following:

Resolved, 1. That this General Conference hereby approves and adopts the acts passed by the Joint Commission on Federation of the two Churches at their late session in Baltimore, Md., and recognizes those that have been adopted by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church as having the force of law, and will recognize those not yet adopted by them as having the force of law when they shall have been adopted by their General Conference.

Resolved, 2. That the bishops of our Church are authorized to act in concert with the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the work of preparing a common hymnal for public worship, a common catechism, and a common order of worship, and to proceed as soon as practicable to appoint the committees for the same as agreed upon by the Joint Commission.

Resolved, 3. That the Commission on Federation be continued through the coming quadrennium with the same powers as heretofore.

Resolved, 4. That this action is taken in the confident hope that the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will, without fail, in its session of 1904, adopt the following action of the Joint Commission, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That we recommend the respective General Conferences to enact provisions to the effect that where either Church is doing the work expected of Methodism the other Church shall not organize a society nor erect a church building until the bishop having jurisdiction in the case of the work proposed shall be consulted and his approval obtained."

P. H. WHISNER, *Chairman*.

J. P. MCFERRIN, *Secretary*.

Whisner's
 request
 granted.

P. H. Whisner, of the Baltimore Conference, requested that certain reports touching the establishment of a Publishing House in Shanghai, China, be restored to their places on the calendar; and the motion prevailed.

Report No. ■
 on Frater-
 nal Corre-
 spondence
 adopted.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence and Introductions was read and adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE,
REPORT NO. 2.

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DAY.

Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence recommends to the General Conference the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That our bishops be, and are hereby, requested to appoint a fraternal delegate to visit the British Wesleyan Conference during the quadrennium, and one to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1904, and one to bear our greetings to the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada in September next; and to any other Methodist body to which, in their judgment, fraternal messengers should be sent.

Resolved, 2. That this Conference has heard with pleasure the address of Bishop Isaac Lane, of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America, and rejoices in the prosperity of the Church he represents. We assure him of our continued interest in the welfare of that Church, and pledge to him and the Church he represents our sympathy and aid as in the past.

Resolved, 3. That our bishops be, and are hereby, requested to appoint representatives of our Church to the Ecumenical Council of the "National Federation of Churches and Christian Workers" in 1905; the number of representatives to be left to the College of Bishops, provided that one of our bishops be included in the number appointed.

A. COKE SMITH, *Chairman*.

Report No. 8 of the Committee on Itinerancy was presented and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 8
on Itiner-
ancy, and
minority
report.

A minority report in connection with Report No. 8 of the Committee on Itinerancy was presented and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Child Labor in the South, was presented and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 1
on Child
Labor.

The order of the day, the election of bishops, having arrived, Bishop Hendrix announced Hymn 221,

Election of
bishops.

Draw near, O Son of God, draw near;
Us with thy flaming eyes behold,

Devotional
exercises.

which was sung by the Conference.

Bishop Granbery offered prayer.

The Chair announced the tellers as follows: J. A.

Tellers an-
nounced.

MAY 22.
FOURTEENTH
DAY.

Burrow, J. P. McFerrin, J. W. Stovall, C. W. White, W. S. Baker, and E. G. Moseley.

First ballot
for bishops.

On the first ballot for bishops 260 votes were cast, making 131 necessary to a choice.

The tellers and an assistant secretary retired to count the ballot.

Report No. 3
on Mis-
sions.

S. H. Wainright, of the Japan Mission Conference, moved that Report No. 3 of the Committee on Missions be taken from the calendar; and his motion prevailed.

Considered
by items.

On motion, the report was considered by items.

Item 1
adopted.

Item 1 was read and adopted.

Item 2 read.

Item 2 was read, and, on motion of J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, Bishop Wilson addressed the Conference.

Previous
question
ordered.

The previous question was ordered.

Item 2
adopted.

Item 2 was adopted.

Item 3
adopted.

Item 3 was read and adopted.

Item 4
adopted.

Item 4 was read and adopted.

Report as a
whole
adopted.
Report No. 4
on Finance.

The report was adopted as a whole. (See Report, p. 230.)

On motion, Report No. 4 of the Committee on Finance was taken from the calendar.

Minority re-
port sub-
stituted for
majority.

On motion of T. S. Garrison, of the East Texas Conference, a minority report from the same committee was taken up as a substitute for the majority report, and considered by items.

Result of
first ballot
for bishops.

The first ballot for bishops was announced as follows: E. E. Hoss received 160 votes; A. Coke Smith, 67; Jno. J. Tigert, 66; Collins Denny, 65; James Atkins, 29; J. C. Kilgo, 23; J. D. Hammond, 21; R. D. Smart, 13; W. R. Lambuth, 9; J. H. Pritchett, 7; W. B. Murrah, 6; J. J. N. Kenney, 4; Gross Alexander, 4; T. S. Wade, 3; C. E. Dowman, 3; James Campbell, 4; J. P. McFerrin, 3; W. F. Tillett, 2; T. L. Mellen, 1; Horace Bishop, 1; Gilby C. Kelly, 1; J. Cannon, Jr., 1; Seth Ward, 1; J. A. Clifton, 1; Paul Whitehead, 1; W. B. Palmore, 1; J. S. Frazer, 1; E. B. Chappell, 1; J. O. Branch, 1; G. C. Rankin, 1; W. F. McMurry, 1.

E. E. Hoss
elected.

E. E. Hoss, of the Holston Conference, having re-

ceived a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

MAY 22.
FOURTEENTH
DAY.

On the second ballot for bishops 260 votes were cast, making 131 necessary to a choice.

Second ballot taken.

The tellers with an assistant secretary retired to count the vote.

Consideration of Report No. 4 of the Committee on Finance was resumed.

Consideration of Report No. 4 on Finance resumed.

Item 1 was read, and J. M. Mason, of the Alabama Conference, offered the following amendment:

Item 1 read.

Substitute for the words "their wives, widows, and children," the words "the widows and orphans of deceased preachers."

On motion, the amendment was adopted.

Mason's amendment adopted.
Item 1, as amended, adopted.
Item 2 read.

Item 1, as amended, was adopted.

Item 2 was read.

The Chair announced the result of the second ballot for bishops as follows: Collins Denny, 87; A. Coke Smith, 76; Jno. J. Tigert, 68; James Atkins, 12; J. D. Hammond, 4; J. C. Kilgo, 9; J. H. Pritchett, 1; C. W. Carter, 1; W. B. Murrah, 1.

Result of second ballot for bishops.

The Chair announced that there was no election.

No election.

The third ballot for bishops was taken, and 260 votes were cast, making 131 necessary to a choice.

Third ballot taken.

The tellers with an assistant secretary retired to count the vote.

James Cannon, Jr., moved to amend item 2 of Report No. 4 of the Committee on Finance as follows:

Cannon's motion to amend item 2 of Report No. 4 on Finance.

Resolved, 2. That the Book Committee be directed to set aside \$100,000 of Nashville City Bonds that they now hold, and that each, etc.

JAMES CANNON, JR.

The Chair announced the result of the third ballot for bishops as follows: Collins Denny, 105; A. Coke Smith, 102; Jno. J. Tigert, 48; James Atkins, 2; J. C. Kilgo, 2; W. B. Murrah, 1.

Result of third ballot for bishops.

The Chair declared that there was no election.

No election.

The fourth ballot for bishops was taken, and 260 votes were cast, making 131 necessary to a choice.

Fourth ballot taken.

MAY 22.
FOURTEENTH
DAY.**Time ex-**
tended.

The tellers and an assistant secretary retired to count the ballot.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, moved that the time be extended until the report under consideration should be disposed of; and the motion prevailed.

Afternoon
session.

J. H. McLean moved also that, when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon; and the motion prevailed.

Cannon's
amend-
ment
tabled.

On motion, the amendment of James Cannon, Jr., was laid on the table.

Result of
fourth bal-
lot for
bishops.

The Chair announced the result of the fourth ballot for bishops as follows: A. Coke Smith, 138; Collins Denny, 111; Jno. J. Tigert, 7; James Atkins, 1; R. D. Smart, 1; J. C. Kilgo, 1; J. A. Clifton, 1.

A. Coke
Smith
elected.

A. Coke Smith, of the Virginia Conference, having received a majority of all the votes cast, the Chair declared him elected a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Item 2 of Re-
port No. 4
on Finance
adopted.

The pending question on item 2 of Report No. 4 of the Committee on Finance was ordered, and, on motion, the item was adopted.

Item 3
adopted.

Item 3 was read and adopted.

Item 4
adopted.

Item 4 was read and adopted.

Report as a
whole
adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole. (See Report, p. 248.)

Leave of
absence
granted.

Leave of absence was granted M. E. Benton, of the Southwest Missouri Conference.

Leave of absence was granted F. B. Sinex, of the Northwest Texas Conference, and Isaac Hardeman, of the South Georgia Conference.

Special ses-
sion for
ordination
of bishops.

On the announcement of Bishop Wilson that the bishops had appointed Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Methodist Church for the ordination of bishops, the sermon to be preached by Bishop J. C. Granbery, the Conference ordered a special session at that time and place.

Adjourn-
ment.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

The doxology was sung, and Bishop Galloway pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

MAY 22.
FOURTEENTH
DAY.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 3:30 P.M., Bishop Hendrix in the chair.

Conference meets.

Religious services were conducted by E. S. Smith, of the Texas Conference.

Religious services.

Bishop Key took the chair.

Bishop Key presides.

M. C. Austin, of the South Georgia Conference, was granted leave of absence.

S. H. Wainright, of the Japan Mission Conference, and W. H. Park, of the China Mission Conference, were, on motion, granted leave of absence.

Leave of absence granted.

Leave of absence was also asked for E. H. Stevenson, of the Arkansas Conference; J. M. Doss, of the Indian Mission Conference; and L. P. Brown, of the Mississippi Conference; but these requests were not granted.

Requests for leave denied.

Report No. 9 of the Committee on Itinerancy was presented and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Report No. 9 on Itinerancy. Minority report in connection with No. 4 on Publishing Interests.

A minority report in connection with Report No. 4 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was presented and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

J. M. Binkley, clerical alternate of the North Texas Conference, was recognized and seated, *vice* T. R. Pierce, called home by sickness.

J. M. Binkley seated.

On the first ballot for Editor of the *Christian Advocate*, 233 votes were cast, making 117 necessary to a choice.

First ballot for Editor Advocate.

The tellers and an assistant secretary retired to count the ballot.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, moved that Report No. 3 of the Committee on Publishing Interests be taken up; and the motion prevailed.

Report No. 3 on Publishing Interests.

On motion, the report was considered by items.

Considered by items.

Item 1 was read and adopted.

Item 1 adopted.

Item 2 was read and adopted.

Item 2 adopted.

Item 3 was read and adopted.

Item 3 adopted.

Item 4 was read.

Item 4 read.

W. W. Smith, of the Virginia Conference, moved to substitute "concurrence" for "nonconcurrence."

Smith's substitute.

On motion, the pending question was ordered.

Pending question ordered.

MAY 22.
FOURTEENTH
DAY.Substitute
lost.
Item 4
adopted.Consent
given as
asked by
Collins
Denny.

The substitute of W. W. Smith was lost.

Item 4 was adopted.

Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, asked unanimous consent that the word "the" might be stricken out in paragraph 417, so that the corporate title of the Publishing House might read, "Book Agents of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South"; and it was so ordered.

He also asked unanimous consent that paragraph 429 of the Discipline, concerning the release of the mortgage on the Publishing House, might be stricken out; and it was so ordered.

Item 5
adopted.
Report as a
whole
adopted.

Item 5 of the report under consideration was adopted.

The report as a whole was adopted. (See Report, p. 222.)

Result of
first ballot
for Editor
Advocate.

The Chair announced the result of the first ballot for Editor of the *Christian Advocate* as follows: G. B. Winton, 52; Gross Alexander, 44; T. R. Pierce, 23; Collins Denny, 20; James Cannon, Jr., 16; M. B. Chapman, 15; J. E. Godbey, 12; J. O. Willson, 9; T. N. Ivey, 6; R. H. Mahon, 5; J. J. Tigert, 4; Gilby C. Kelly, 3; James Campbell, 2; W. C. Lovett, 2; J. S. Hutchinson, 1; J. W. Boswell, 1; C. M. Bishop, 1; W. F. Glenn, 1; J. B. Robins, 1; W. F. Tillett, 1.

No election.

The Chair declared that there was no election.

Second ballot
taken.

The second ballot for Editor of the *Christian Advocate* was taken, and 248 votes were cast, making 125 necessary to a choice.

The tellers and an assistant secretary retired to count the ballot.

Report No. 6
on Church
Extension
adopted.

On motion, Report No. 6 of the Committee on Church Extension was taken from the calendar, and, on motion, it was adopted. (See Report, p. 236.)

Report No. 4
on Bound-
aries.

M. E. Benton, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, moved that Report No. 4 of the Committee on Boundaries be taken up and considered by items; and the motion prevailed.

Item 1
adopted.

Item 1 was read and adopted.

Item 2 read.

Item 2 was read.

Seth Ward, of the Texas Conference, moved that item 2 be stricken out. **MAY 22. FOURTEENTH DAY.**

The Chair announced the result of the second ballot for Editor of the *Christian Advocate* as follows: G. B. Winton, 108; Gross Alexander, 81; T. R. Pierce, 31; M. B. Chapman, 8; E. B. Chappell, 8; Collins Denny, 5; G. C. Rankin, 4; J. E. Godbey, 2; W. F. Tillett, 1. **Motion to strike out.**
Result of second ballot for Editor Advocate.

The Chair declared that there was no election. **No election.**

The third ballot was taken for the election of Editor of the *Christian Advocate*, and 250 votes were cast, making 126 necessary to a choice. **Third ballot taken.**

The Chair announced the result of the third ballot for Editor of the *Christian Advocate* as follows: G. B. Winton, 145; Gross Alexander, 94; T. R. Pierce, 8; Collins Denny, 1; G. C. Rankin, 1; W. F. Tillett, 1. **Result of third ballot.**

G. B. Winton, of the Mexican Border Mission Conference, having received a majority of all the votes cast, the Chair declared him elected Editor of the *Christian Advocate*. **G. B. Winton elected.**

A ballot was taken for Book Editor and Editor of the *Review*, and 253 votes were cast, making 127 necessary to a choice. **Ballot for Book Editor.**

On motion, the pending question was ordered on the motion of Seth Ward to strike out item 2 of Report No. 4 of the Committee on Boundaries. **Item 2 of Report No. 4 on Boundaries.**

On a division of the house, the motion to strike out was lost by 86 votes in the affirmative to 108 in the negative. **Motion to amend lost.**

Item 2 was adopted. **Item 2 adopted.**

Item 3 was adopted. **Item 3 adopted.**

Item 4 was adopted. **Item 4 adopted.**

The report as a whole was adopted. (See Report, p. 237.) **Report as a whole adopted.**

On motion of B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, it was agreed that, when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 8:30 this evening. **Evening session agreed upon.**

Bishop Wilson announced the Committee to Nominate the Book Committee as follows: P. H. Whisner, R. H. Mahon, J. H. McLean, A. F. Watkins, J. S. Frazer, J. **Committee to nominate Book Committee.**

MAY 22.
FOURTEENTH
DAY.

E. Godbey, George C. Hodges, J. R. Hindman, J. R. Scroggs.

Committee
on General
Conference.

And also the Committee on General Conference Entertainment as follows: R. W. Millsaps, W. F. McMurry, B. M. Burgher, H. Y. McCord, J. S. Hutchinson.

Result of
ballot for
Book
Editor.

The Chair announced the result of the ballot for Book Editor and Editor of the *Review* as follows: J. J. Tigert, 225; E. B. Chappell, 12; Paul Whitehead, 5; James Campbell, 5; Collins Denny, 4; Anson West, 1; Seth Ward, 1; Gross Alexander, 1.

Jno. J.
Tigert
elected.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Book Editor and Editor of the *Review*.

Adjourn-
ment.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

The doxology was sung, and Bishop Key pronounced the benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference
meets.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 8:30 P.M., Bishop Key in the chair.

Religious
services.

Religious services were conducted by Horace Bishop, of the Northwest Texas Conference.

Bishop
Morrison
presides.

Bishop Morrison took the chair.

Ballot for
Sunday-
school
Editor.

A ballot for Sunday-school Editor was taken, and 230 votes were cast, making 116 necessary to an election.

The tellers and an assistant secretary retired to count the ballot.

Resolution
for final
adjourn-
ment.

J. B. McGehee, of the South Georgia Conference, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That next Monday, 6 P.M., be fixed as the hour of final adjournment of this Conference, and that a committee be appointed to sift the calendar.

J. B. MCGEHEE,
C. D. MANN.

Not adopted.

The resolution did not prevail.

Exhibit at
World's
Fair, St.
Louis,
recom-
mended.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference learns with pleasure that the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company has decided to furnish a suitable building for a religious exhibit in connection with the World's Fair to be held in St. Louis in 1904, and that it hereby recommends to its connectional boards that they ar-

range to make at said time a suitable exhibit of the missionary and educational and other interests of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

MAY 22.
FOURTEENTH
DAY.

W. F. McMURRY,	R. D. SMART,
GROSS ALEXANDER,	JAMES ATKINS,
W. F. BARCLAY,	JAMES CANNON, JR.,
GEO. M. NAPIER,	J. H. PRITCHETT,
J. D. HAMMOND,	W. L. NELMS,
C. E. DOWMAN,	HORACE BISHOP,
B. J. CASTEEL,	J. C. KILGO,
T. SHACKLEFORD,	W. R. WEBB,
W. R. POWER.	

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Federation was read and adopted as follows:

Report No. 2
on Federation,
naming
members
of Commission,
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON FEDERATION, REPORT NO. 2.

Your Committee on Federation beg leave to report the following names to constitute the Commission on Federation for the coming quadrennium, viz.: Bishop A. W. Wilson, Bishop W. W. Duncan, Bishop E. E. Hoss, Rev. G. G. N. MacDonell, D.D., Rev. J. H. Dye, D.D., Rev. James Atkins, D.D., R. W. Jones, LL.D., E. B. Prettyman, LL.D., R. S. Hyer, LL.D.

Respectfully submitted: P. H. WHISNER, *Chairman*.
J. P. McFERRIN, *Secretary*.

The following resolution, offered by the Committee on Federation, was adopted:

Provision
for ex-
penses of
Commission.

Resolved, That the Book Agents are authorized and instructed to pay the expenses that may be incurred by the Commission on Federation in the prosecution of their work during the quadrennium.

P. H. WHISNER, *Chairman*.
J. P. McFERRIN, *Secretary*.

On motion, Report No. 8 of the Committee on Missions was taken from the calendar, read, and adopted. (See Report, p. 234.)

Report No. 8
on Mis-
sions
adopted.

The Chair announced the result of the first ballot for Sunday-school Editor as follows: James Atkins, 203; H. M. Hamill, 21; Gross Alexander, 6; John E. Harrison, 1.

Result of
ballot for
Sunday-
school
Editor.

James Atkins, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Sunday-school Editor.

James At-
kins elect-
ed.

The first ballot was taken for Epworth League Secretary and Editor, and 239 votes were cast, making 120 necessary to a choice.

First ballot
for Ep-
worth
League
Secretary
and Editor.

MAY 22.
FOURTEENTH
DAY.Constitutional
Commission con-
tinued.
Leave of
absence
granted.

E. W. Alderson offered a resolution continuing the Constitutional Commission, and deferring the consideration of its report to the next General Conference; and the resolution prevailed.

D. B. Coltrane, of the Western North Carolina Conference, and A. B. Pugh, of the Baltimore Conference, were granted leave of absence.

Request
denied.

A request for leave of absence for E. B. Craighead, of the Missouri Conference, was not granted.

Report No. 3
on Itiner-
ancy, and
minority
report.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Itinerancy was taken up and read, and also the minority report presented in connection therewith.

Minority re-
port con-
sidered.

W. C. Black, of the Mississippi Conference, moved that the first four items of the majority report be taken up, and that the minority report be substituted for these items.

Result of
first ballot
for Ep-
worth
League
Secretary
and Editor.

The Chair announced the result of the first ballot for Epworth League Secretary and Editor as follows: H. M. Du Bose, 80; J. A. Burrow, 43; J. M. Barcus, 28; J. A. Clifton, 21; W. K. Piner, 16; W. W. Pinson, 10; J. E. Harrison, 8; Seth Ward, 3; E. B. Chappell, 2; W. E. Arnold, 2; J. T. Sawyer, 2; G. T. Adams, 2; G. Alexander, 1; W. F. McMurry, 1; A. F. Watkins, 1; J. W. Daniel, 1.

No election.

The Chair announced that there was no election.

Second ballot
taken.

The second ballot was taken for Epworth League Secretary and Editor, and 238 ballots were cast, making 120 necessary to a choice.

The tellers and an assistant secretary retired to count the ballot.

Result of sec-
ond ballot.

The Chair announced the result of the second ballot for Epworth League Secretary and Editor as follows: H. M. Du Bose, 88; J. A. Burrow, 76; J. M. Barcus, 23; E. P. Ryland, 8; J. A. Clifton, 19; J. E. Harrison, 7; W. K. Piner, 6; E. B. Chappell, 6; W. T. McClure, 1; Seth Ward, 1; R. M. Standifer, 1; W. W. Pinson, 1; J. W. Daniel, 1.

No election.

The Chair announced that there was no election.

Motion to
adjourn
fails.

A motion to adjourn did not prevail.

P. H. Whisner and J. M. Binkley spoke to questions of personal privilege.

MAY 22.
FOURTEENTH
DAY.

The result of the third ballot for Epworth League Secretary and Editor was announced by the Chair as follows: 229 votes were cast, making 115 necessary to a choice. J. A. Burrow received 111; H. M. Du Bose, 103; J. M. Barcus, 9; J. A. Clifton, 3; E. B. Chappell, 2; J. E. Harrison, 1.

Personal
privilege.
Result of
third ballot
for Ep-
worth
League
Secretary
and Editor.

The Chair announced that there was no election.

No election.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

Adjourn-
ment.

The doxology was sung, and Bishop Granbery pronounced the benediction.

FIFTEENTH DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 23, 1902.

MAY 23.
FIFTEENTH
DAY.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Morrison in the chair.

Conference
meets.

Religious services were conducted by John T. Sawyer, of the Louisiana Conference.

Religious
services.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions, morning, afternoon, and evening, were read and approved.

Minutes ap-
proved.

Bishop Candler took the chair.

Bishop
Candler
presides.
J. W. N.
Burkett
seated.

J. W. N. Burkett, lay alternate of the Memphis Conference, was recognized and seated, *vice* J. Y. Barbee.

Gilbert J. Hunt, of the Virginia Conference; Thomas Bradford, of the North Alabama Conference; G. M. Napier, of the North Georgia Conference; and J. D. Clary, of the Little Rock Conference, were granted leave of absence.

Leave of
absence
granted.

Leave of absence was asked for J. P. Strother, of the Pacific Conference, and F. Stikeleather, of the Western North Carolina Conference, but the requests were not granted.

Leave of
absence
denied.

The fourth ballot was taken for Epworth League Secretary and Editor, and 224 votes were cast, making 113 necessary to a choice.

Fourth ballot
for Ep-
worth
League
Secretary
and Editor.
Minority of
Report No.
3 on Itiner-
ancy.

Consideration of the minority report offered as a substitute for the first four items of Report No. 3 of the Committee on Itinerary was resumed.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, moved

Motion to
adopt first
four items.

MAY 23.
FIFTEENTH
DAY.

Committee
to nomi-
nate Book
Commit-
tee retires
for consul-
tation.

the adoption of the minority report as a substitute for the first four items of the majority report.

P. H. Whisner, of the Baltimore Conference, asked permission that the Committee to Nominate the Book Committee might retire for consultation; and, on motion, it was so ordered.

Substitute
and four
items of
majority
Report No.
3 on Itiner-
ancy
tabled.

T. E. Edwards, of the Central Mexico Mission Conference, moved to lay the substitute, together with the four items of the majority report, on the table, and on a division of the house it was ordered by a vote of 137 in the affirmative to 64 in the negative.

Dr. Thom-
son intro-
duced.

The Chair introduced Dr. E. Thomson, Secretary of the Sunday League of America, who briefly addressed the Conference.

Result of
fourth bal-
lot for Ep-
worth
League
Secretary
and Editor.

The Chair announced the result of the fourth ballot for Epworth League Secretary and Editor as follows: H. M. Du Bose, 156; J. A. Burrow, 64; S. B. Turrentine, 1; A. J. Lamar, 1; E. P. Ryland, 1; J. M. Barcus, 1.

H. M. Du
Bose elect-
ed.

H. M. Du Bose, of the Mississippi Conference, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected General Secretary and Editor for the Epworth League.

Report No. 11
on Revi-
sals.

Report No. 11 of the Committee on Revisals was presented, and placed on the calendar.

H. T. Keal-
ing's ad-
dress.

H. T. Kealing, editor of the *African Methodist Episcopal Review*, and lay fraternal delegate from the African Methodist Episcopal Church, to this General Conference, was introduced and eloquently addressed the Conference. (See p. 300)

Chair re-
sponds.

The Chair made appropriate response.

Denny's mo-
tion on
election of
Book
Agents.

The election of Book Agents having been reached in the order for elections, Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, moved that the Conference ballot for the Senior and Assistant Book Agents together.

Adams's
substitute
adopted.

S. B. Adams, of the South Georgia Conference, moved as a substitute that the balloting be first for the Senior Book Agent alone; and the substitute of S. B. Adams was adopted.

A ballot was taken for Senior Book Agent, and 223 votes were cast, making 112 necessary to a choice. The tellers and a secretary retired to count the ballot.

Item 5 of Report No. 3 of the Committee on Itinerancy was read and adopted.

Item 6 was read and adopted, the Book Editor being granted discretion as to the manner of its insertion in the Discipline. (See Report, p. 201.)

The following report was ordered to record:

Your General Conference Entertainment Committee met and organized by electing R. W. Millsaps, Chairman, and W. F. McMurry, Secretary. The committee then adjourned to meet in Nashville, Tennessee, in May, 1903, to fix the place of holding the Fifteenth General Conference.

R. W. MILLSAPS, *Chairman*.

W. F. McMURRY, *Secretary*.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Boundaries was taken up.

On motion, item 7 was first considered.

J. R. Nelson, of the Northwest Texas Conference, offered an amendment to the item, which was, on motion, adopted. (See the amended item in the report.)

The following amendment was also adopted:

This law shall become effective at the next session of the West Texas Conference.

SETH WARD,
J. D. SCOTT.

The item, as amended, was adopted.

Item 1 was read.

A minority report in connection with this item was also read.

The Chair announced the result of the first ballot for Senior Book Agent as follows: R. J. Bigham, 73; B. F. Lipscomb, 39; J. D. Barbee, 34; W. F. McMurry, 24; J. P. McFerrin, 10; C. H. Briggs, 9; R. A. Child, 6; J. C. Morris, 4; James Campbell, 4; Z. T. Bennett, 3; D. M. Smith, 2; J. R. Pepper, 2; E. B. Stahlman, 2; J. H. Pritchett, 2; W. C. Black, 1; R. H. Mahon, 1; Gross Alexander, 1; M. B. Chapman, 1; J. W. N. Burkett, 1; J. T. Sawyer, 1; and three ballots not counted because of two names written thereon.

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First ballot
for Senior
Book
Agent.

Item 5 of
Report No.
3 on Itiner-
ancy
adopted.
Item 6
adopted.

General Con-
ference
Entertain-
ment Com-
mittee or-
ganized.

Report No. 5
on Bound-
aries.

Item 7 con-
sidered
first.
Nelson's
amend-
ment
adopted.

A second
amend-
ment
adopted.

Item 7, as
amended,
adopted.
Item 1 and
minority
report
read.

Result of first
ballot for
Senior
Book
Agent.

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The Chair announced that there was no election.

No election.

The second ballot for Senior Book Agent was taken; 225 votes were cast, making 113 necessary to a choice.

Second ballot taken.

J. R. Bingham was substituted for W. S. Baker for teller.

Change of teller.

The Chair announced the result of the second ballot for

Result of second ballot.

Senior Book Agent as follows: R. J. Bigham, 128; B. F. Lipscomb, 43; W. F. McMurry, 29; J. D. Barbee, 16; D. M. Smith, 3; C. H. Briggs, 2; W. C. Black, 1; J. R. Pepper, 1; J. W. N. Burkett, 1; J. H. Pritchett, 1; Z. T. Bennett, 1.

R. J. Bigham elected.

R. J. Bigham, of the North Georgia Conference, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Senior Book Agent.

First ballot for Assistant Book Agent.

A ballot for Assistant Book Agent was taken, and 223 votes were cast, making 112 necessary to a choice.

Item 1 of Report No. 5 on Boundaries.

Consideration of item 1 of Report No. 5 of the Committee on Boundaries, with the minority report offered as a substitute thereto, was resumed.

Motion to table minority report fails.

Gilbert J. Hunt, of the Virginia Conference, moved that the minority report be laid upon the table; and, on a division of the house, 63 votes were cast in the affirmative and 100 in the negative, and the motion to table did not prevail.

Previous question. Minority report adopted. Afternoon session.

The previous question was ordered.

On motion, the minority report on item 1 was adopted.

S. S. Keener, of the Louisiana Conference, moved that, when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 3:30 this afternoon; and the motion prevailed.

Result of first ballot for Assistant Book Agent.

The Chair announced the result of the first ballot for Assistant Book Agent as follows: D. M. Smith, 99; J. F. Quillien, 20; A. B. Tarpley, 19; J. R. Pepper, 17; J. W. N. Burkett, 17; B. F. Lipscomb, 10; T. B. King, 8; J. H. Hinemon, 6; W. F. McMurry, 5; H. Knock, 5; W. F. Barclay, 4; W. C. Everett, 4; Walter Pierce, 2; E. B. Stahlman, 2; T. T. Fishburne, 1; G. W. Cain, 1; N. M. Rowe, 1; R. W. Newsom, 1.

No election.

The Chair announced that there was no election.

Second ballot taken.

The second ballot for Assistant Book Agent was taken,

and 223 votes were cast, making 112 necessary to a choice. **MAY 23. FIFTEENTH DAY.**

Consideration of Report No. 5 of the Committee on Boundaries was resumed. Consideration of Report No. 5 on Boundaries.

Item 2 was read and adopted. Item 2 adopted.

Item 3 was read and adopted. Item 3 adopted.

Item 4 was read and adopted. Item 4 adopted.

Item 5 was read and adopted. Item 5 adopted.

Item 6 was read and adopted. Item 6 adopted.

On motion, the report, as amended, was adopted as a whole. (See Report, p. 238.) Report as a whole adopted.

W. F. McMurry presented Report No. 3 of the Committee on Epworth League, which, on motion, was taken up at once, read and adopted. (See Report, p. 246.) Report No. 3 on Epworth League adopted.

On motion of F. D. Swindell, of the North Carolina Conference, Report No. 4 of the Committee on Missions was taken up. Report No. 4 on Missions.

On motion, the section of the report dealing with the establishment of a joint Publishing House in Shanghai was adopted. Section on publishing house in China adopted.

On motion, the report was adopted as a whole. (See Report, p. 231.) Report as a whole adopted.

On motion, Report No. 4 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was taken up. Report No. 4 on Publishing Interests.

Item 1 was read. Item 1 read.

T. L. Mellen, of the Mississippi Conference, moved to insert "nonconcurrence" instead of "concurrence." Mellen's motion to amend.

The Chair announced the result of the second ballot for Assistant Book Agent as follows: D. M. Smith, 111; J. W. N. Burkett, 31; A. B. Tarpley, 30; J. F. Quillien, 23; B. F. Lipscomb, 8; J. R. Pepper, 6; T. B. King, 3; W. F. Barclay, 2; U. Knoch, 2; T. T. Fishburne, 1; J. H. Hinemon, 1; W. C. Everett, 1; Walter Pierce, 1; J. P. McFerrin, 1; S. B. Hubbard, 1; Thomas Bradford, 1; W. W. Smith, 1. Result of second ballot for Assistant Book Agent.

The Chair announced that there was no election. No election.

A motion to adjourn did not prevail. Motion to adjourn lost.

The third ballot was taken for Assistant Book Agent, and the tellers and the assistant secretary retired to count the vote. Third ballot taken.

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DAY.

Adjourn-
ment.

On motion, the Conference adjourned by a vote of 83 in the affirmative to 77 in the negative.

The doxology was sung, and Bishop Candler pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference
meets.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 3:30 P.M., Bishop Candler in the chair.

Religious
services.

Religious services were conducted by James Campbell, of the Northwest Texas Conference.

Bishop
Wilson
presides.

Bishop Wilson took the chair.

Result of
third bal-
lot for
Assistant
Book
Agent.

The Chair announced the result of the third ballot for Assistant Book Agent as follows: D. M. Smith, 111; J. W. N. Burkett, 47; A. B. Tarpley, 28; J. F. Quillien, 12; J. R. Pepper, 6; B. F. Lipscomb, 5; W. F. Barclay, 2; Thomas Bradford, 1; total, 212.

D. M. Smith
elected.

D. M. Smith, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Assistant Book Agent.

Ballot for
Missionary
Secretary.

A ballot for Missionary Secretary was taken, and 196 votes were cast, making 99 necessary to a choice.

The tellers and secretary retired to count the ballot.

Considera-
tion of Re-
port No. 4
on Pub-
lishing
Interests.

Consideration of Report No. 4 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was resumed.

J. M. Barcus moved the pending question, and the motion prevailed.

Pending
question.

T. L. Mellen's amendment, to strike out "concurrence" and insert "nonconcurrence," was adopted.

Mellen's
amend-
ment
adopted.

Item 1, as amended, was adopted.

Item 1, as
amended,
adopted.

Item 2 was read and adopted.

Item 2
adopted.

Item 3 was read and adopted.

Item 3
adopted.

Item 4 was read and adopted.

Item 4
adopted.

Item 5 was read and adopted.

Item 5
adopted.

Item 6 was read.

Item 6 read.
Motion to
amend.

It was moved to strike out "nonconcurrence" and insert "concurrence."

Laid on
table.

On motion, the motion to strike out and insert was laid on the table.

Item 6
adopted.
Item 7
adopted.

Item 6 was adopted.

Item 7 was read and adopted.

Item 8 was read and adopted.

Item 9 was read.

An amendment offered by J. W. Tarboux, of the Brazil Mission Conference, was accepted.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, moved that Bishop Galloway be invited to address the Conference on the measure, and the motion prevailed.

Item 9, as amended, was adopted.

The Chair announced the result of the ballot for Missionary Secretary as follows: W. R. Lambuth, 156; J. H. Pritchett, 12; A. J. Lamar, 9; Horace Bishop, 6; Seth Ward, 3; J. D. Simpson, 3; W. S. Neighbors, 2; F. D. Swindell, 2; W. L. Nelms, 1; J. J. N. Kenney, 1; J. B. Robins, 1.

W. R. Lambuth, of the Tennessee Conference, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Missionary Secretary.

A ballot for Church Extension Secretary was taken, and 201 votes were cast, making 101 necessary to a choice.

The tellers and assistant secretary retired to count the ballot.

Item 10 of Report No. 4 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read, and, on motion, it was laid on the table.

Item 11 had previously been referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Item 12 was read.

E. C. Reeves moved to strike out \$8,000 and insert \$7,000 in resolution 1.

On a division of the house, the amendment of E. C. Reeves was adopted by 79 votes in the affirmative to 75 in the negative.

Resolution 1 of item 12, as amended, was adopted.

Resolution 2 of item 12, appropriating \$2,000 per annum to the *Christian Advocate*, was read and adopted.

Resolution 3 of item 12, appropriating \$1,200 per annum to the *Quarterly Review*, was read and adopted.

The Chair announced the result of the ballot for Secretary of Church Extension as follows: P. H. Whisner,

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Item 8
adopted.
Item 9 read.
Amendment
accepted.
Bishop
Galloway's
address.

Item 9, as
amended,
adopted.
Result of
ballot for
Missionary
Secretary.

W. R. Lam-
buth elect-
ed.

Ballot for
Church
Extension
Secretary.

Item 10 of
Report
No. 4 on
Publishing
Interests
tabled.

Item 11 re-
ferred.

Item 12 read.

Reeves's
amend-
ment.

Adopted.

Resolution 1
of item 12,
as amend-
ed, adopt-
ed.
Resolution 2
of item 12
adopted.
Resolution 3
of item 12
adopted.
Result of bal-
lot for
Church
Extension
Secretary.

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141; Seth Ward, 45; J. P. McFerrin, 3; W. W. Smith, 2; J. H. Pritchett, 2; M. B. Chapman, 1; Gross Alexander, 1; J. A. Batchelor, 1; H. B. Johnston, 1; W. B. Palmore, 1; S. M. Hosmer, 1.

P. H.
Whisner
elected.

P. H. Whisner, of the Baltimore Conference, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Church Extension Secretary.

Committee
on Calen-
dar an-
nounced.

On motion of E. W. Alderson, a Committee on Calendar was ordered, and the Chair announced the committee as follows: E. W. Alderson, Collins Denny, and Paul Whitehead.

Item 13 of
Report No.
4 on Pub-
lishing In-
terests, and
minority
report,
read.

Item 13 of Report No. 4 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read, and a minority report also presented and read in connection therewith.

Motion to
substitute
minority
report for
item.

S. B. Adams, of the South Georgia Conference, moved that the minority report be substituted for the item.

Pending
question
not or-
dered.

The pending question was moved, but the motion did not prevail.

Result of
ballot for
Secretary
of Educa-
tion.

The Chair announced the result of the ballot for Secretary of Education as follows: Total number of votes cast 210, necessary to a choice 106. John D. Hammond received 120; A. J. Lamar, 47; Seth Ward, 14; R. G. Waterhouse, 8; E. W. Alderson, 6; A. F. Watkins, 6; W. F. McMurry, 3; W. S. Neighbors, 2; W. R. Webb, 1; J. W. Lee, 1; W. W. Smith, 1; John M. Moore, 1.

J. D. Ham-
mond
elected.

John D. Hammond, of the North Georgia Conference, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Secretary of Education.

D. S. Camp-
bell seated.

D. S. Campbell, clerical alternate of the Louisville Conference was recognized and seated, *vice* W. K. Piner.

Item 13 of
Report No.
4 on Pub-
lishing In-
terests.

Consideration of item 13, Report No. 4 of the Committee on Publishing Interests, was resumed.

Question of
privilege.
Previous
question.

S. B. Adams arose to a question of personal privilege. C. H. Briggs, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, moved the previous question, and it was so ordered.

Debate
closed.

James Robertson, chairman of the committee, closed the debate.

Minority
report lost.

The minority report was lost.

Item 13
adopted.

On motion, item 13 was adopted.

On motion, the report was adopted as a whole. (See Report, p. 223.) **MAY 23. FIFTEENTH DAY.**

W. B. Murrah, of the North Mississippi Conference, moved that Report No. 5 of the Committee on Education, nominating the Board of Education for the ensuing quadrennium, be taken up. **Report as a whole adopted. Report No. 5 on Education.**

The report was read, and, on motion, was adopted. (See Report, p. 228.) **Read and adopted.**

On motion, the Conference adjourned. **Adjournment.**

Bishop Wilson pronounced the benediction.

SIXTEENTH DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1902. MAY 24. SIXTEENTH DAY.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Wilson in the chair. **Conference meets.**

Religious services were conducted by John R. Nelson, of the Northwest Texas Conference. **Religious services.**

The minutes of yesterday's sessions, morning and afternoon, were read and approved. **Minutes approved.**

Bishop Duncan took the chair. **Bishop Duncan presides.**

The following resolution, being a suspension of the rule, was adopted by a two-thirds vote: **Speeches limited.**

Resolved, That hereafter, until the final adjournment of this Conference, all speeches shall be limited to five minutes, unless the time be extended by the vote of the body.

W. E. ARNOLD, JOHN T. SAWYER,
W. B. THOMPSON, G. B. WINTON.

Leave of absence was granted to N. D. Ainsworth, of the Indian Mission Conference. **Leave of absence granted.**

The report of the special Committee to Nominate the Book Committee was adopted as follows: **Book Committee nominated.**

The committee appointed to nominate the Book Committee beg leave to report the following nominations: Revs. O. E. Brown, Collins Denny, J. M. Mason, R. A. Child, Paul Whitehead, James Campbell, and Messrs. J. R. Hindman, W. C. Dibrell, J. B. Ransom, J. B. Morgan, R. W. Millsaps, D. B. Coltrane, and Sidney Bass.

Respectfully submitted:

P. H. WHISNER, *Chairman.*
J. E. GODBEY, *Secretary.*

E. W. Alderson submitted a revised calendar as ar- **Revised calendar adopted.**

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ranged by the Committee on Calendar; and the report was adopted.

Report No. 4
on Fra-
ternal Cor-
respond-
ence
adopted.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence and Introductions presented a communication from the American Christian Convention, and their recommendations thereon were adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE, REPORT NO. 4.

Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence have had before them the following paper from the American Christian Convention:

"MUNCIE, IND., April 30, 1902.

"*To the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Dallas, Tex.:*

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."

"The American Christian Convention will hold its next quadrennial session in the Memorial Church, Norfolk, Va., commencing October 7, 1902, to which we would most gladly welcome a fraternal messenger, if it should be your pleasure to so honor us. Most truly,

"J. F. BURNETT, *Secretary A. C. C.*"

We cordially reciprocate the sentiments herein expressed, and respectfully recommend that the matter of sending a representative to the said American Christian Convention be left to the discretion of the bishops.

A. COKE SMITH, *Chairman.*

Report No. 5
on Pub-
lishing In-
terests.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read and, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Address on
worldly
amuse-
ments.

On motion of Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, it was ordered that the address on worldly amusements be continued in the Appendix of the Discipline of 1902 as heretofore.

Report No. 3
on Epis-
copacy
adopted.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Episcopacy was read and, on motion, adopted. (See Report, p. 199.)

Report No. 6
on Epis-
copacy
adopted.

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Episcopacy was read and, on motion, adopted. (See Report, p. 200.)

Report No. 3
on Bound-
aries
adopted.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Boundaries was read and, on motion, adopted. (See Report, p. 237.)

Report No. 8 of the Committee on Itinerancy and the minority report in connection therewith were read.

It was moved that the minority report be substituted for the majority.

On motion, the previous question was ordered.

On a division of the house, the minority report was lost by 66 votes in the affirmative to 107 in the negative.

The vote recurring on the majority report, on a division of the house it was adopted by 130 votes in the affirmative and 53 in the negative. (See Report, p. 202.)

W. F. Vandiver, of the Alabama Conference, took a subscription of something more than \$20,000 for the benefit of the endowment fund for superannuated preachers.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in cases of connectional officers not re-elected at this Conference their salaries shall be continued until the meeting of their respective Annual Conferences, unless such officers shall before the meeting of their Conferences receive a salary from some other office or employment, in which latter event the salary first mentioned shall cease.

SAMUEL B. ADAMS,
JNO. J. TIGERT.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Conference be, and hereby is, instructed to send the love and affectionate greetings of this body to Dr. Andrew Hunter and the Rev. Jerome C. Berryman, the sole surviving members of the General Conference of 1844.

E. E. HOSS,
COLLINS DENNY.

Report No. 7 of the Committee on Missions was taken up.

On motion, it was considered by items.

Item 1 was read and adopted.

Item 2 was read and adopted. (See Report, p. 233.)

S. S. Keener, of the Louisiana Conference, moved that, when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock this evening.

W. L. Nelms, of the Northwest Texas Conference, moved to lay the motion of S. S. Keener on the table; and the motion prevailed.

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Report No. 8
on Itiner-
ancy and
minority
report.
Motion to
substitute
minority
for major-
ity.
Previous
question.

Minority
report lost.
Majority
report
adopted.
Subscription
for super-
annuates.

Salaries of
certain
connec-
tional
officers.

Greetings
to Andrew
Hunter
and
Jerome
Berryman.

Report No. 7
on Mis-
sions.

Considered
by items.
Item 1
adopted.
Item 2
adopted.
Motion to
adjourn.

Laid on
table.

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DAY.

Report No. 3
on Revisals
and minor-
ity report.

Motion to
substitute
minority
report.
Previous
question.
Minority
report
adopted.

West's notice
of protest.

Bond of
treasurer
of super-
annuate
fund.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Revisals was read, and a minority report connected therewith.

Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, moved that the minority report be substituted for the report of the majority.

On motion of M. J. Cofer, of the North Georgia Conference, the previous question was ordered.

On a division of the house, the minority report was adopted by 130 votes in the affirmative to 38 in the negative. (See Report, p. 217.)

Anson West, of the North Alabama Conference, gave notice that he would enter a protest against the action of the Conference, and asked that it be spread on the Journal.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Trustees having in charge the funds of the permanent endowment superannuate fund be, and they are hereby, instructed to require of the Treasurer who shall handle this fund a good and sufficient bond in ■ guarantee company, in the sum of not less than \$10,000, for the faithful performance of his duty.

W. F. VANDIVER,	JOHN H. McLEAN,
A. J. LAMAR,	W. L. NELMS,
D. C. TURNIPSEED,	HORACE BISHOP,
M. J. COFER,	S. S. KEENER.

Collection
for pages.

J. M. Barcus asked that a collection be taken for the pages, and it was so ordered.

Everett to
audit ac-
counts.

B. M. Burgher moved that the Conference authorize W. C. Everett to audit the accounts presented by the Local Committee of Entertainment, and the motion prevailed.

Bibles for
pages.

T. S. Garrison moved that the Publishing Agents be instructed to present each of the pages a Bible suitably inscribed, and it was so ordered.

Leave not
granted.

Leave of absence was asked for H. C. Gay, but the leave was not granted.

Adjourn-
ment.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

The doxology was sung, and Bishop Duncan pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

MAY 24.
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DAY.

Conference
meets.
Bishop
Wilson
presides.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 3:30 P.M.,
for the ordination of bishops.

Bishop Wilson took the chair.

Bishop Wilson read the Collect.

Bishop Granbery announced Hymn 223,

How rich thy bounty, King of kings,
Thy favors how divine,

which was sung by the Conference.

Josephus Anderson, of the Florida Conference, led
the Conference in prayer.

Bishop Duncan read the Epistle.

Bishop Hendrix read the Gospel.

Bishop Wilson announced Hymn 229,

Jesus, the truth and power divine,
Send forth these messengers of thine.

which was sung by the Conference.

Bishop Granbery preached the sermon from 1 Cor.
iii. 21-23.

E. E. Hoss was presented by Frank Richardson and
W. S. Neighbors, both of the Holston Conference.

A. Coke Smith was presented by B. F. Lipscomb, of
the Virginia Conference, and W. R. Richardson, of the
South Carolina Conference.

Bishop Key moved the congregation to prayer, and
Bishop Morrison offered the prescribed prayer.

Bishop Hargrove examined the bishops elect, asking
the disciplinary questions.

Bishop Candler moved the congregation to secret
prayer, led in the recitation of the *Veni, Creator, Spiritus*, and offered the prayer following.

Bishop Wilson led in the imposition of hands, being
joined by all the other bishops.

Bishop Wilson delivered the Bible.

Bishop Galloway offered the concluding prayer, and the
Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop
Granbery.

Adjourn-
ment.

SEVENTEENTH DAY, MONDAY, MAY 26, 1902.

MAY 26. Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M.,
SEVENTEENTH
DAY. Bishop Duncan in the chair.

Conference meets. Religious services. Minutes approved. Religious services were conducted by J. W. Tarboux, of the Brazil Mission Conference.

The minutes of Saturday's sessions, morning and afternoon were read and approved.

Bishop Hoss presides. Bishop Hoss took the chair.

Denny's motion to reconsider. Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, moved a reconsideration of the action by which the last two items of Report No. 4 of the Committee on Missions were adopted.

Laid on table. B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, moved that the motion of Collins Denny be laid on the table; and, on a division of the house, the motion was laid on the table by 60 votes cast in the affirmative to 53 in the negative.

Anson West's protest as to deaconesses. Anson West, of the North Alabama Conference, presented his protest against the action of the Conference in providing for the office of deaconesses in the Church, and the protest is spread on the Journal as follows:

PROTEST OF ANSON WEST.

Respectful protest is hereby entered against the action of the General Conference now in session in providing for and instituting an order of deaconesses in the Church. This action of the General Conference is taken without the demand of any considerable number of the adherents of Christianity. The introduction of an order of deaconesses into the Church of God is an innovation; is contrary to the genius of Protestantism; cannot possibly tend to edification; and in the nature of the case must be extremely embarrassing and altogether hurtful. The order of deaconesses provides for no legitimate service that cannot be had without it. For ages the Church has wrought successfully without such an order. The admission to one office in the Church logically and inevitably guarantees admission to other offices and to all offices of ecclesiastical sort; and no longer can you have individual consecration and the spontaneous service of the Sarahs, Rebeccas, and Rachels, and of the Miriams and Hannahs, and of the Marys, Annas, and Eunices, as in patriarchal, prophetic, and apostolic times. Departure from divine order leads to infidelity, an-

archy, and ruin. Protestant Christianity does not believe in any order involving the vows of celibacy, or looking to the establishment of nunneries. True Christians do not believe in advertising acts of devotion and deeds of charity by broadening phylacteries, flaunting badges, and sounding trumpets in the streets. The establishment of an order of deaconesses in the Church of God impinges the very foundations of civilized society, is against the order and polity of the Church in her divinely ordained ministry and sacraments, and, to sum up all in a single declaration, is repugnant to the word of God.

Phebe, who lived in the time of the apostle Paul, and is so much talked of now, was a servant in the Church at Cenchrea; a *servant*, not a deaconess. The Holy Scriptures will be searched in vain to prove that under apostolic administration such an order as that of deaconesses existed. It is quite significant that not a single Protestant Church in all the world had, at its organization, the order of deaconesses.

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DALLAS, TEX., May 24, 1902.

ANSON WEST.

J. W. Heidt, clerical alternate of the North Georgia Conference, was recognized and seated, *vice* W. F. Glenn, absent.

J. W. Heidt
seated.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, during the session of the General Conference, the town of Goliad, Tex., near the seat of this body, was visited by a disastrous storm in which many lives were lost,

Sympathy
for the
people of
Goliad.

Resolved, That the Conference has felt and still feels profound sympathy for the stricken people, and that we pray divine comfort may be their portion and human help may be abundant in all their needs.

JOHN O. WILLSON,
W. F. MCMURRY.

The Secretary read a resolution which, on motion of B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, was amended by the substitution of Thursday for Monday, and, as amended, was adopted as follows:

Meeting of
General
Conference
of 1906.

Resolved, That the General Conference of 1906 shall meet on the first Thursday in May at 9 o'clock A.M.

P. H. WHISNER, J. B. MCGEEHEE,
S. B. TURRENTINE, F. A. CRITZ,
C. W. CARTER, J. P. MCFERRIN,
J. D. SIMPSON, J. S. FRAZER,
J. F. G. FINLEY.

Jno. J. Tigert, Secretary of the General Conference, presented to the pages—J. R. Thompson Bowman, Ced-

Bibles pre-
sented to
the pages.

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DAY.

ric E. Burgher, Walter L. Burgher, Willie G. Hughes, Leslie Everett, Landon Cullom, Thurston Powers, and Vord Cockrell—who had faithfully served the body throughout the session, suitably inscribed Bibles, according to the order of the Conference.

Presentation
of a gavel.

James Buttrick, of the Western North Carolina Conference, presented an inscribed gavel to the Conference, with suitable remarks.

Call for
reports.

The rolls of the standing and special committees were called for reports, but none were presented.

Committees
discharged.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved that the standing and special committees be discharged, with the thanks of the General Conference; and the motion prevailed.

Report No. 9
on Itiner-
ancy
adopted.

The calendar was taken up, and Report No. 9 of the Committee on Itinerancy, reviewing the Journals of the Annual Conferences, was, on motion, adopted without reading. (See Report, p. 204.)

Report No. 6
on Fi-
nance.
Motion to
postpone.

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Finance was read.

T. L. Mellen, of the Mississippi Conference, moved the indefinite postponement of the report.

Laid on
table.

E. C. Reeves, of the Holston Conference, moved to lay the motion for indefinite postponement on the table, and his motion prevailed.

Previous
question.

On motion, the previous question was ordered.

Report
adopted.

The vote being taken on the adoption of the report, on a division of the house it was adopted by a vote of 59 in the affirmative to 56 in the negative. (See Report, p. 249.)

Legislation
as to local
preachers.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the new legislation passed at this General Conference relative to the relation of local preachers shall not take effect until after September 1st, next.

W. L. NELMS, P. H. WHISNER,
E. W. ALDERSON, R. H. MAHON.

Bishop
Smith
presides.
Resolution
tabled.

Bishop A. Coke Smith took the chair.

The following resolution was laid on the table:

Resolved, That the changes made by this General Conference

in the laws of the Church go into effect immediately after the issuance of the new Discipline. **MAY 26.**
J. E. WRIGHT, SEVENTEENTH
F. D. SWINDELL. DAY.

G. C. Rankin, of the North Texas Conference, arose to a question of privilege and presented to Jno. J. Tigert, Secretary of the General Conference, a sum of money contributed by the body for the purchase of a permanent memorial of appreciation of his services.¹ Token of appreciation to the Secretary.

Jno. J. Tigert briefly expressed his appreciation of the thoughtful kindness of the General Conference. Acknowledgment.

On motion of F. A. Critz, of the North Mississippi Conference, it was ordered that the expenses of delegates be paid so long as they found it necessary to remain in Dallas. Expenses of delegates.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Church Extension was read and adopted. (See Report, p. 234.) Report No. 1 on Church Extension adopted.

E. C. Reeves, of the Holston Conference, moved a reconsideration of the action by which Report No. 6 of the Committee on Finance was adopted. Reeves's motion to reconsider.

On motion, the motion of E. C. Reeves to reconsider was laid on the table. Laid on table.

The following protest against the adoption of Report No. 6 of the Committee on Finance was presented, and is spread on the Journal: Mellen's protest.

The undersigned respectfully but firmly protest against the passage of Report No. 6 of the Committee on Finance by a vote of only 59 for the report to 56 against, a majority of only three. Such radical changes in our law and policy ought to have a more careful consideration and be acted on by a full Conference.

T. L. MELLEN,
W. C. BLACK.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Education was read. Report No. 2 on Education.

Pending its consideration, Anson West, of the North Alabama Conference, challenged the presence of a quorum of the General Conference. Quorum challenged.

B. M. Burgher having stated that an alternate who Payment of alternate.

¹The fund was used for the purchase of a suitably inscribed gold watch, with attached chain.

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took his seat on Saturday, in the place of a principal who left on Friday whose traveling expenses had been paid, had presented a bill for the payment of traveling expenses, it was ordered, on motion of Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, that the *per diem* of the alternate be paid, but not his traveling expenses.

Mailing
Daily
Advocate.

W. W. Smith, of the Virginia Conference, moved that a copy of the *Daily Advocate* of to-morrow be mailed to every member of the General Conference, and the motion prevailed.

Report No. 6
on Itiner-
ancy, in
part,
adopted.

On motion of E. W. Alderson, of the North Texas Conference, the items of Report No. 6 of the Committee on Itinerancy making provision for the statistical blanks of Annual Conference reports were adopted. (See Report, p. 201.)

Quorum
present.

At this point the Secretary announced the result of his count to determine the presence of a quorum. It was ascertained that 142 members, being a quorum of the General Conference, were in their seats.

Paper ad-
verse to
Report No.
6 on
Finance.

The following paper was presented:

Whereas, the number voting on Report No. 6 of the Committee on Finance, providing for a change in assessing benevolent collections upon the Annual Conferences, was less than a quorum of this body, therefore,

Resolved, That the plan adopted be not carried into effect.

C. H. BRIGGS,
T. L. MELLEN.

Laid on
table.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved to lay this paper on the table; and, on a division of the house, it was so ordered by a vote of 69 in the affirmative to 66 in the negative.

Report No. 2
on Educa-
tion.

Consideration of Report No. 2 of the Committee on Education was resumed.

Winton's
motion to
strike out
section.

W. H. Winton, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, moved that the section of the report referring to secondary schools be stricken out.

Pending
question.

On motion of John O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference, the pending question was ordered.

Winton's
motion
fails.

The motion being put, the amendment of W. H. Winton did not prevail.

I. D. Wall, of the Louisiana Conference, moved to amend by inserting after the words "recognized colleges" the words "and secondary schools"; and the amendment was adopted.

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Wall's
amend-
ment
adopted.

B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, moved to amend the report by striking out item 6.

Lipscomb's
amend-
ment.

W. F. McMurry, of the Missouri Conference, moved to lay the amendment of B. F. Lipscomb on the table; but his motion did not prevail.

Not tabled.

The previous question was ordered, and the question recurring on the amendment of B. F. Lipscomb, it was lost.

Fails under
previous
question.

The report, as amended, was adopted. (See Report, p. 227.)

Report, as
amended,
adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Services of
secular
press.

Resolved, That this General Conference, recognizing the interest of the secular press in the work of the Church and its great value in disseminating and upholding our Christian civilization, hereby expresses its high appreciation of the services of the representatives of the press present, and thanks them for their full and satisfactory reports.

JOHN W. BOSWELL, W. R. WEBB,
J. S. HUTCHINSON, W. T. J. SULLIVAN.

Bishop Wilson took the chair.

Bishop
Wilson
presides.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read and adopted, as follows:

Report No. 1
on Sabbath
Observance
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE, REPORT NO. 1.

Your Committee on Sabbath Observance has considered a number of papers addressed to the General Conference by the Sunday League of America, and submits the following:

1. The Sunday League of America requests that paragraph 98, answer 2, page 50 of the Discipline be changed by inserting after the words "American Bible Society" the words, "and for the Sunday League of America," so that the paragraph as changed shall read: Par. 98, Ans. 2. "To fix the appointments of the preachers of the Annual Conferences: *provided*, he shall not allow any preacher to remain in the same circuit or station more than four years successively, except the preachers stationed in Key West, Florida Conference, the connexional officers, the supernumerary and superannuated preachers, mis-

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sionaries among the Indians and on foreign stations, chaplains of the state prisons and military posts, those preachers that may be appointed to labor for the especial benefit of seamen and for the American Bible Society, and for the Sunday League of America," etc.

We recommend concurrence.

2. Your committee recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

Whereas, the General Rules of our Church, in harmony with divine law, forbid "the profaning the day of the Lord, either by doing ordinary work therein, or by buying or selling"; and whereas, while our population has increased during the past decade only twenty-seven per cent., Sunday labor has increased more than fifty-eight per cent., and Sunday amusements, such as ball games, bicycle tournaments, horse races, theaters, boat and railroad excursions, multiplying every year, are more and more desecrating the day which God has set apart for sacred uses; and whereas, a national, interdenominational organization has been duly incorporated under the name of the "Sunday League of America," whose object is to preserve our American Sunday; and whereas, we have examined some of the leaflets published by this organization in English, Spanish, and German, and have been fully informed as to its methods of work by its General Manager, the Rev. Edward Thomson, LL.D., who represents it at this session of our body; and whereas, our Church is duly represented in its Board of Directors by two of our bishops and three other of our ablest ministers: therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we pledge to the Sunday League of America our good will and hearty coöperation.

Resolved, 2. That while we cannot approve the setting apart by this General Conference of one week in each year to be known as "Lord's-day Week," in accordance with the request of the Sunday League of America, we nevertheless urge our preachers and people to do all in their power, both by precept and example, to arrest the tendency, everywhere apparent, to secularize the Lord's day and to secure its religious observance in their several communities.

E. E. HOSS, *Chairman*.

JAMES O. BRANCH, *Secretary*.

Motion for
afternoon
session.

B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, moved that, when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock to complete the calendar.

R. H. Mahon, of the Memphis Conference, moved as a substitute that the morning session be prolonged until the business is completed.

The substitute was lost, and the motion of B. F. Lipscomb was adopted. MAY 26.
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Report No. 6 of the Committee on Missions was read and adopted. (See Report, p. 233.) Adopted.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Epworth League, and a minority report presented in connection therewith, were read. Report No. 2 on Missions adopted.
Report No. 2 on Epworth League, and minority report.
Part of majority report adopted.

Collins Denny moved the adoption of all that part of the report on which the committee were agreed; and his motion prevailed.

J. D. Scott, of the West Texas Conference, moved the adoption of the remaining item of the majority report.

J. R. Nelson, of the Northwest Texas Conference, moved to substitute the minority report. Minority report substituted for remainder of majority.

It was moved that the minority report be laid on the table, but the motion did not prevail.

The motion of John R. Nelson was adopted; and the report, as amended, was adopted as a whole. (See Report, p. 245.) Report, as amended, adopted.

James Atkins, of the Western North Carolina Conference, moved a reconsideration of the action by which the Conference agreed to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and his motion prevailed. Motion for afternoon session reconsidered.

James Atkins moved that the General Conference adjourn *sine die* at 1 o'clock to-day. Atkins's motion to adjourn *sine die*.

An amendment was offered substituting 2 o'clock for 1; but the amendment did not prevail.

The motion of James Atkins was adopted.

Resolutions of thanks, offered by J. S. Hutchinson, of the Baltimore Conference, and amended by I. D. Wall, of the Louisiana Conference, were adopted, as follows: To the secular press and its representatives; to the State Fair Association; to the Street Railway Companies and their conductors; to the Telephone Company; to B. M. Burgher, chairman of the local Committee of Entertainment, and the other members of the committee; to the ladies, for their refreshment booth; and to the people of Dallas generally. Adopted.
Resolutions of thanks.

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Report No. 2 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read.

Report No. 2
on Pub-
lishing In-
terests.

John W. Boswell, of the North Mississippi Conference, moved that this report be laid on the table; but his motion did not prevail.

Not tabled.

Reconsider-
ation of
Report No.
4 on Mis-
sions.

P. H. Whisner, of the Baltimore Conference, moved a reconsideration of Report No. 4 of the Committee on Missions.

Declared not
in order.

T. L. Mellen, of the Mississippi Conference, arose to the point of order that a motion to reconsider this report made this morning, had been laid on the table, and that a second motion to reconsider was not in order.

The Chair ruled the point well taken.

Motion to
reconsider
taken from
table.

Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference moved to take from the table the motion to reconsider Report No. 4 of the Committee on Missions; and his motion prevailed.

Action
adopting
report re-
considered.

Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, moved to reconsider the action by which Report No. 4 of the Committee on Missions was adopted; and his motion prevailed.

Time not ex-
tended.

A motion to extend the time of C. F. Reid, of the China Mission Conference, did not prevail.

Both reports
tabled.

T. R. Pierce, of the North Texas Conference, moved that both reports be laid on the table; and his motion prevailed.

Item 2 of Re-
port No. 5
on Revisals
adopted.

On motion of C. H. Briggs, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, item 2 of Report No. 5 of the Committee on Revisals was taken up and adopted. (See Report, p. 219.)

Bible pre-
sented to
Mr. Bur-
gher.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we learn with pleasure of the action of the Book Agents in presenting to Mr. B. M. Burgher, chairman of the local Entertainment Committee, the copy of the Bible used during this General Conference, by the bishops and others in the religious services of the session; and that we wish this appropriate courtesy to be noted in the Journal.

A. F. WATKINS,
J. W. HEIDT.

Report No. 8
on Revisals
adopted.

Report No. 8 of the Committee on Revisals was read and, on motion, adopted. (See Report, p. 219.)

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Revisals was read and, on motion, adopted. (See Report, p. 218.)

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The following resolution was adopted:

Report No. 4
on Revisals
adopted.
Apostles'
Creed in
Discipline.

Resolved, That the Book Editor be directed to have printed in the Discipline, at some suitable place, the proper form of the Apostles' Creed, in order to uniformity in the use of it.

JAMES ATKINS, S. B. TURRENTINE,
J. H. WEAVER, W. W. VICAR.

The following resolution was adopted:

Thanks to Y.
M. C. A.

Resolved, That we duly appreciate the substantial courtesies which have been extended to us by the Young Men's Christian Association of this city. We thank the management sincerely, and pray God's blessing upon the Christian work they are successfully doing.

J. W. HEIDT,
A. F. WATKINS.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, moved that the session be extended for ten minutes for the consideration of Report No. 3 of the Committee on Church Extension concerning insurance; and the motion prevailed.

Report No. 3
on Church
Extension.

W. F. Barclay, of the Louisville Conference, moved that Report No. 3 of the Committee on Church Extension be amended by the insertion of the names of the managers nominated by the Committee on Church Extension; and his motion prevailed.

Barclay's
amend-
ment
adopted.

On motion, the report, as amended, was adopted. (See Report, p. 235.)

Report, as
amended,
adopted.

Thanks were extended to James Buttrick, of the Western North Carolina Conference, for the gift of a gavel.

Thanks for
a gavel.

A motion that the General Conference adjourn *sine die* prevailed.

Motion to
adjourn.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Minutes
approved.

Bishop Wilson announced hymn 232,

Now let our bodies part,
To distant climes repair,

which was sung by the Conference.

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R. H. Mahon, of the Memphis Conference, led the Conference in prayer.

The doxology, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," was sung.

Adjourn-
ment *sine*
die.

Bishop Wilson pronounced the benediction; and the General Conference of 1902 adjourned *sine die* at 1:45 P.M., Monday, May 26.

JNO. J. TIGERT, *Secretary*.

A. F. WATKINS,

JOHN M. BARCUS,

JOHN W. HEIDT,

C. H. BRIGGS,

Assistant Secretaries.

ALPHEUS W. WILSON,

JOHN C. GRANBERY,

ROBERT K. HARGROVE,

WILLIAM W. DUNCAN,

CHARLES B. GALLOWAY,

EUGENE R. HENDRIX,

JOSEPH S. KEY,

WARREN A. CANDLER,

HENRY C. MORRISON,

E. EMBREE HOSS,

A. COKE SMITH.

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COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY.

REPORT NO. 1.

(See p. 82.)

We have had under consideration the character of John C. Keener, and the same is approved.

A. J. LAMAR, *Chairman*.

W. L. NELMS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2.

(See p. 100.)

Resolved, That the College of Bishops be requested to furnish to the General Conference, at each quadrennial session, as early as possible, a copy of their decisions upon episcopal rulings during the preceding four years.

A. J. LAMAR, *Chairman*.

W. L. NELMS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3.

(See p. 182.)

We, your committee, have had before us a memorial from the Baltimore Conference relative to episcopal decisions, and respectfully report as follows:

Resolved, That, in substantial accord with the memorial of the Baltimore Conference, we recommend that the last two sentences of paragraph 102 of the Discipline of 1898 be stricken out, and the following inserted in their stead:

"No episcopal decision shall be authoritative, except in the case pending, until it shall have been passed upon by the College of Bishops. The College of Bishops shall hold annual meetings, and each bishop shall at such meetings report in writing all his decisions of law, with a syllabus of each case, made during the year. The College of Bishops shall review these decisions, record its conclusions in a permanent form, and publish annually in the *Christian Advocate*, and in such other form as the College shall agree to adopt, its conclusions in each case, together with a syllabus; and these conclusions, when published, shall be authoritative constructions of law."

A. J. LAMAR, *Chairman*.

W. L. NELMS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4.

(See pp. 132, 134.)

We have had under consideration that part of the Episcopal Address referring to the election of bishops, and recommend that two bishops be elected.

A. J. LAMAR, *Chairman*.

W. L. NELMS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5.

(See p. 188.)

We recommend that the salary and traveling expenses of bishops on the effective list be fixed at \$3,600 each; the salary of those on the

noneffective list at \$2,000 each; and the allowance of the widows of bishops at \$1,000 each.

A. J. LAMAR, *Chairman.*

W. L. NELMS, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 6.

(See p. 182.)

We submit the following:

Resolved, That we kindly suggest to our bishops the importance of strict adherence to the law in making the appointments in the Annual Conferences, and that we especially deplore any tendency toward nominal appointments.

A. J. LAMAR, *Chairman.*

W. L. NELMS, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 7.

(See p. 160.)

We have had under consideration the character and official administration of Alpheus W. Wilson, John C. Granbery, Robert K. Hargrove, William W. Duncan, Charles B. Galloway, Eugene R. Hendrix, Joseph S. Key, Oscar P. Fitzgerald, Warren A. Candler, and Henry C. Morrison, and the same have been approved.

A. J. LAMAR, *Chairman.*

W. L. NELMS, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 9.

(See p. 160.)

We have had referred to us communications from Bishops John C. Granbery, Robert K. Hargrove, and Oscar P. Fitzgerald, and after prayerful consideration, recommend that they be granted relief from active episcopal service. In doing so, we would express our high appreciation of the spotless character and valuable services to the Church of these chief pastors. We are sure we represent the entire Church in assuring them of the high esteem which we here express and of the continued prayers of our people for the abundance of divine grace to rest upon them in the days to come.

A. J. LAMAR, *Chairman.*

W. L. NELMS, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY.

REPORT NO. 1.

(See p. 101.)

The Committee on Itinerancy, having considered the memorial from the first Quarterly Conference of the First Church, Waycross Station, Waycross District, South Georgia Conference, "to insert an additional question in the order of Annual Conference business, the question to read, 'What local preachers are employed as supplies this year?'" so that the words "to be supplied by" may be omitted, recommends nonconcurrence.

W. C. BLACK, *Chairman.*

S. B. TURRENTINE, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 2.

(See p. 122.)

The Committee on Itinerancy respectfully submit the following report:

1. We recommend nonconcurrence in the memorial from the Tennessee Conference asking for the removal of the time limit of "the pastors of charges which have in hand such special local mission work as, in the judgment of the presiding bishop, calls for an extension of the pastoral limit."

W. C. BLACK, *Chairman.*

S. B. TURRENTINE *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 3.

(See p. 175.)

5. The Virginia Conference memorializes this General Conference to authorize the ordination of preachers put in charge of work, so that they may have the right to administer the sacraments and to perform the rite of matrimony. The Committee on Itinerancy recommends nonconcurrence.

6. The North Carolina Conference requests this General Conference to incorporate in the list of Quarterly Conference questions the following question: "How many copies of the Conference organ and of the general organ are taken, and what has been done to increase their circulation?" We report concurrence.

W. C. BLACK, *Chairman.*

S. B. TURRENTINE, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 6.

(See p. 190.)

Section 2. Your committee has received a petition from John R. Nelson, J. G. Putman, W. J. Clay, James M. Robertson, and W. L. Nelms; and a memorial from a meeting of the Annual Conference Secretaries, signed by A. F. Watkins and L. R. Amis; a memorial from the Mississippi Conference, signed by A. F. Watkins; a memorial from the Louisiana State Epworth League Conference, signed by R. H. Wynn and W. G. Evans; and a report of Epworth League Committee, signed by W. F. McMurry and T. B. King—all concerning statistics. The committee have considered the same, in connection with the report of a sub-committee on statistics, and recommend the following statistical blanks to be adopted for our Conference reports:

TABLE NO. 1.

For 190.. Membership, Baptisms, and Church Property.

.....Charge.District.Conference.

Local preachers.... Members.... Total.... Additions on profession of faith.... Additions by certificate and otherwise.... Removals by death, certificate, and otherwise.... Adults baptized.... Infants baptized.... Societies in the charge.... Houses of worship.... Value of houses of worship \$.... Indebtedness

on houses of worship \$.... Parsonages.... Value of parsonages \$.... Indebtedness on parsonages \$.... Value of other church property \$.... Money expended for churches and parsonages \$.... Number of churches damaged or destroyed.... Amount of damage \$.... Insurance carried \$.... Premiums paid \$.... Collections on insurance \$....

TABLE NO. 2.

For 190.. Epworth Leagues, Sunday Schools, Women's Societies.
Charge.District.Conference.

Number of Senior Leagues.... Members.... Number of Junior Leagues.... Members.... Total League members.... Amount raised by Leagues for Missions \$.... Amount raised by Leagues for other objects \$.... Total amount raised by Leagues \$.... Number of Sunday schools.... Officers and teachers.... Scholars enrolled during the Conference year.... Amount collected for Sunday-school supplies \$.... Amount collected for Missions \$.... Amount collected on Children's Day \$.... Amount collected for other objects \$.... Total raised by Sunday schools \$.... Number of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies.... Members.... Amount collected \$.... Number of Woman's Home Mission Societies.... Members.... Amount collected \$.... Total amount collected by both societies \$.... Total amount reported in this table, not elsewhere reported \$....

TABLE NO. 3.

For 190..Charge.District.Conference.

Presiding Elder—Assessed \$.... Paid \$.... Preacher in Charge—Assessed \$.... Paid \$.... Bishops—Assessed \$.... Paid \$.... Conference claimants—Assessed \$.... Paid \$.... Foreign Missions—Assessed \$.... Paid \$.... Domestic Missions—Assessed \$.... Paid \$.... Church Extension—Assessed \$.... Paid \$.... Education—Assessed \$.... Paid \$.... American Bible Society—Assessed \$.... Paid \$.... Expenses General Conference delegates—Assessed \$.... Paid \$.... For Endowment Fund for Superannuates \$.... For.....—Assessed \$.... Paid \$.... For.....—Assessed \$.... Paid \$.... For.....—Assessed \$.... Paid \$.... For other objects—Assessed \$.... Paid \$.... Total amount raised for all objects during the year \$....

W. C. BLACK, *Chairman*.

S. B. TURRENTINE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8.

(See p. 188.)

Memorials concerning local preachers, from Fort Worth District, Northwest Texas Conference; from St. Louis Conference, Central Mexico Mission Conference, North Mississippi Conference; from District Conference of Lafayette District, North Alabama Conference; from Alabama Conference; and from the South Carolina Con-

ference, have been considered by a sub-committee. The Committee on Itinerancy makes the following recommendation:

Strike out of paragraph 81, page 39, "local preachers and."

Strike out paragraph 82, page 39.

Strike out of question 21, paragraph 86, page 43, "local preachers and"; also, strike out "the exhorters" and insert "their," so that the question will read:

"21. Have the exhorters passed an examination of character, and have their licenses been renewed?"

At close of paragraph 74, page 37, add, "The District Conference shall take cognizance of all the local preachers within the district, and shall inquire annually into the gifts, labors, and usefulness of each by name."

In paragraph 168, answer 1, page 75, strike out "fourth Quarterly" and insert "annually to the District," so that this part of the paragraph shall read: "And they shall report annually in writing to the District Conference the extent and result of their labors."

Amend paragraph 170, answer 3, page 75, so as to read: "When any traveling preacher is located, he shall be amenable to the District Conference of the district within the bounds of which he last traveled until he presents his certificate of location to some Quarterly Conference."

Amend paragraph 280, answer, so as to read: "To the District Conference of the district within which he resides. But when a local preacher is under report of immorality, said report may be investigated and the case tried where the offense is alleged to have been committed, and by the authorities having jurisdiction there."

Amend paragraph 281, answer 1, page 117, by striking out "preacher in charge" and inserting "presiding elder." Also, strike out the phrase "before the Quarterly Conference" and insert, at end of the paragraph, "They shall notify the presiding elder of their finding, and he shall notify the accused."

Amend paragraph 284 by striking out "preacher in charge" and inserting "presiding elder."

Amend paragraph 285 by inserting at the beginning these words: "When notified that a trial is found necessary, the presiding elder shall call a Committee of Trial, composed of not less than seven nor more than thirteen official members of our Church. The accused shall have the same right of challenge as has a traveling preacher." Strike out "President of the Quarterly Conference" and insert "presiding elder." Strike out "present" and insert "of the committee." Strike out all after and including "Quarterly Conference" and insert "committee shall be final, save as to the right of appeal."

Amend paragraph 287, question 5, by striking out "Quarterly" and inserting "District."

Make same change twice in paragraph 288.

After paragraph 75 add another paragraph, to read as follows: "The District Conference shall elect annually, on nomination of the

presiding elder a Licensing Committee of six, or four, of which the presiding elder shall be a member and chairman. They shall serve until the ensuing Annual Conference, and in cases of absolute necessity shall have the power, by unanimous vote, on thorough examination on the prescribed course of study, to license proper and duly recommended persons to preach. In cases where it is clearly impossible for the applicant to reach the District Conference, the presiding elder may examine him and report to the Conference."

W. C. BLACK, *Chairman*.

S. B. TURRENTINE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9.

(See p. 188.)

The Committee on Itinerancy has examined the journals of the following Annual Conferences, and makes the following report:

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—Found it to be correct in every respect. It is a model of neatness.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.—Has been accurately kept, and is a satisfactory record of the proceedings of this Annual Conference for the quadrennium. Only a few minor criticisms as to arrangement of minute matter and legibility of handwriting can be made on this journal.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.—Is remarkable for accuracy, system, and neatness. It is properly paragraphed and well indexed. A few minor inadvertencies are noted, which are not of sufficient importance to be offered as criticisms.

BRAZIL MISSION CONFERENCE.—The journal is neatly kept, and there is little to be criticised in it. The pages are not numbered, and the name of the President is not signed to the record of the sessions of 1898, and of 1899, and of 1901. "The Granbery" is frequently given as the name of Granbery College. They say in one place "the Bishop addressed the Conference on the unfinished book of the Bible, the Acts of the Apostles."

The word "session" is omitted in recording place for next session in 1899.

COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.—This journal does not state who called the roll in 1898. It says the Conference ordered its work done by committees. There is no record of the appointment of a Committee on Admissions. Admission on trial is had without any statement that the committee had recommended the applicant.

H. N. Rosser is transferred and then is elected to deacon's orders and advanced to the class of the third year.

"File" for "life" on page 111 is used.

Joint Board of Finance is appointed at the close of the first day of the session.

The proceedings of the third and fourth days are reversed in their order in the record. On the third day the Bishop took the chair after the religious service.

The signature of the President is lacking. Preachers are stationed under question 41, and the place of the next session under question 40. There are no statistics.

1899: Conference Relations is the record of the name of the Committee on Conference Relations, page 127, and all the other committees are referred to in the same way. There is no report that the Committee on Admissions had anything to do with the admissions on trial.

J. T. Cotton is said to have been admitted into full membership on Sunday, page 132.

There is no report on Church Extension, and the signature of the President is lacking, and also of the Secretary. There is no roll of the Conference, and no statistics.

1900: There are no marginal references. The spelling is defective. A brother is reported as having failed to pass, but the record does not show what. The location of a brother on account of unacceptability is twice recorded.

Bishop is spelled with a little "b." Conference is spelled with an "a." Their temperance report demands that their people quit any political party that will not put itself on record against intemperance.

There is no signature of the President, no roll, and no statistics.

1901: One name is substituted on the roll for another, and no reason given for the change.

A committee is said to have reported an examination approved, but the name of the person is not given. A resolution in regard to Corvallis property is referred to but not recorded. The President's signature is lacking, and the roll of the Conference, and the statistics.

EAST COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.—The journal of this Conference for the session of 1898 shows that the Secretary has recorded reports of Boards and committees and long preambles and resolutions in the body of the minutes. We think it would have been decidedly better only to have mentioned these in the minutes as having been reported or adopted, and to have recorded the resolution or report itself in an appendix kept for that purpose. Again, the journal of the Conference for 1900 does not show who was elected Secretary. Indeed, it makes no reference whatever to an election for Secretary.

We would call the attention of the committee to the further fact that the questions, required by the Discipline to be asked at the Annual Conference, are oftentimes referred to or indicated by their numbers only. Thus, "Under question 7 A. B. was called. He being absent, his P. E." The question itself ought always, in our judgment, to follow its number. Thus, "Question 7. Who are the deacons of one year?" was asked or called. Or, "Question 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?"

There are also clerical errors, erasures, and interlineations in the journal, but these seem to be due to overhaste or carelessness alone. We therefore suggest that we recommend to the Secretaries greater care in writing up their journals.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—The Secretary of the East Texas Conference being confined to his room with smallpox at the beginning of this General Conference session, and the journal of this Conference having been exposed to contagion, it was thought best by your committee not to have it before them; and, on motion, the Secretary was so notified.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.—The following criticisms are made on the Florida Conference minutes:

The general appearance of the journal is marred by occasional interlineations and erasures with the pen. The margins are obscure when they appear, and are generally omitted.

At several sessions after the first day, the name of the Bishop presiding is omitted. The number of votes on the various ballots for election of delegates to the General Conference are not given, except for the delegates elected.

The alternate delegates were elected by resolution of the Conference by a plurality. The appendix containing reports appears only for one year. Page 280, committee given, but for what purpose appointed not explicitly given, reference being made to an appendix which does not appear.

Dr. T. H. Law is noted as having been introduced twice the same day. See pages 180, 181.

H. O. Miller is recorded twice during the same session of the Conference as having withdrawn from the Church, page 221.

Page 212. "Question 4 being taken up, Who are received into full connection? J. Beers not having been before the examining committee his character was passed, and he was left in the class of the fourth year, under question 7." If he had accomplished his two years' course, why could he not have been received into full connection? The entry is obscure.

No question called in the recognition of Jesse C. Green as an elder from the Methodist Episcopal Church, nor is it stated what kind of elder.

GERMAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—We find the record, in the main, neatly and correctly kept, subject, however, to the following criticisms:

1. Minutes of November 3, 1898, opening twenty-fifth session, do not name all absent delegates in whose places alternates appear to have been seated.

2. Answering question 36, number of houses of worship is stated as 24½. We don't understand the "½."

3. At the close of Conference session of 1898 minutes are not signed by the President, W. W. Duncan.

With exceptions above noted, we find the journal otherwise very neatly and correctly kept.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—The journal of the Holston Conference is neatly and correctly kept, and deserves commendation for accurate

minutes therein contained and the beautiful manner in which they are recorded.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.—We have examined the journal of the Illinois Conference, 1898-1902, and are glad to be able to report it in good condition.

JAPAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—Appears well and accurately kept. Only two questionable features appear:

1. Certain papers are pasted in, rather than recorded.
2. Where the signature of the presiding elder should appear is his name in the handwriting of the Secretary.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—This record is neat and well kept; the only deficit to be noticed is that there is no roll except as shown in the appointments.

LITTLE ROCK ANNUAL CONFERENCE.—The minutes for the first Annual Conference of the quadrennium are in fairly good form, but there are many evidences of inexcusable carelessness in the keeping of this journal. Many omissions, as well as incomplete statements of minute matter, make this record unsatisfactory.

The minutes of Saturday's session, November 26, 1898, do not appear in Monday's session as having been read and approved. Question 31 is not answered, and this Annual Conference is not therefore credited with having paid anything to the cause of foreign or domestic missions. In answer to question 38 the number of pastoral charges is not given, nor is the number of district parsonages given in answer to question 40. Question 41, as to the value and indebtedness of district parsonages, is not answered. The answer to question 44, as to educational statistics, is omitted. The following minute statement appears on page 19: "Upon recommendation of the Little Rock District Conference, S. L. Titus, deacon, was recognized." This is evidently an incomplete statement of minute matter. C. E. Pattillo, a clerical member of the Little Rock Annual Conference, does not appear in the minutes as having received an appointment, or of being transferred to any other Annual Conference.

All marginal references have been omitted. This very much interferes with the usefulness of this journal. The President signed these minutes on the wrong page; the Secretary did not sign them at all. The journal for the remaining part of the quadrennium is well kept, and is a model of neatness and accuracy and of tasteful arrangement of minute matter.

LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.—We find this journal neatly and correctly kept.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.—1. There is no roll recorded for the years 1898 and 1899, although the statement is made that the roll was called, and in each case there is a list of the members present.

2. The roll for 1900 and that for 1901 are recorded in the back of the book as an appendix. We think the right place is just preceding the journal.

3. The language in many places is manifestly inaccurate—*e. g.*, on

page 8 is this entry: "Question 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? was taken up and answered by P. H. Fontain, from the New Mexico Conference."

4. On the journal at many places (*e. g.*, p. 24) reference is made to reports adopted, thus, "(For report see appendix, page —)," and the page on which the report may be found is left blank.

5. The appendices of all the sessions are recorded in a bunch in the back of the book. We think that any appendix to the minutes of any session should be in the pages of the book immediately following such minutes.

6. The signature of the presiding Bishop is not yet affixed to the journal of the session of 1898.

7. In the records of 1899 (pp. 48, 50, 51, and 53) is the history of the trial of a preacher, in which no names at all are affixed to what is recorded as the final verdict of the Trial Committee.

8. The chief fault with the journal of 1900 is the very frequent use of abbreviations, such as "Bd." for Board, "Pub." for Publishing, "Com." for Committee, etc.

9. The records of 1901 are in much better style, but have one marked error. In the record of the election of delegates and alternate delegates to the General Conference there is no record at all of the ballot. The simple statement is made that certain persons were elected. The whole ballot in every case should be recorded.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—The journal of this Conference has been examined and found to be correct in the main. It is, as we understand, a reproduction of the regular journal that was destroyed by fire, and for the most part is neat in appearance.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—The journal is neatly and correctly kept. The minutes are usually recorded in the handwriting of two different persons, one of whom is a much neater scribe than the other. The marginal references are omitted from one session. The signature of the President is not attached to the minutes of one session—the sixtieth. We note a few inelegant expressions. For example: Dr. H. was brought forward, or Dr. P. called forward.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—Question 12, page 6, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" The characters of Louis F. Parker and Thomas S. Wheeler were passed, and they elected to the order of elder, having passed approved examination by the committee. The character of M. C. Hardin was passed, and he was granted a location at his own request. Under question 16, "Who are located this year?" answer, none. Whereas, on page 10, under question 16, J. E. McGee and J. B. Parnell were granted locations at their own request. Page 7, question 8, "J. O. Coppage, just transferred, was elected to deacon's orders." Pages 42, 43, the Conference did not adjourn in the morning, although the minutes state that Conference assembled in the afternoon. Page 71, the record says: "The following appeal from the fourth Quarterly Conference was read, on which the Bishop ruled as follows: 'The decisions of the presiding elder are sustained. J. C.

Granbery,' but the decisions are not given. Page 99, the record states: "The noon hour having been reached, the long-meter was sung." Page 104, question 16 was called: "Who are located this year?" J. H. Bishop was granted a location at his own request. The orders of Alpheus Clark were recognized as deacon from the Methodist Episcopal Church. This latter statement should be under some other question.

In some places the marginal indexing is not as full as it might be. On the whole, this journal is well-nigh perfect in all respects.

MONTANA CONFERENCE.—We find this journal to be in very good condition, except the Bishop did not sign some of the minutes, and some of the statistical minutes were not dated.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—We find this journal to be correct. It is neatly printed and bound in one volume, and is in a most convenient and desirable form for examination and preservation. A well-arranged index adds to the value of the journal. The autograph signatures of President and Secretary are attached in their proper place.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—Minutes are elegantly kept, and deserve to be highly complimented. The journal of the third day's session, 1898, is not recorded as approved. (See page 16.)

On page 30, line 17, the word "law" is omitted in the record of presiding elder's decision in appeal case as to the appointment of class leaders.

The minutes of 1898 are not signed by the President, O. P. Fitzgerald. In the session of 1901 the number of votes received by delegates elected, or voted for, to the General Conference are not given.

The clerical and lay delegates were elected by ballot cast by the Secretary, on order of the Conference, and not by a ballot of the members, as required by law.

Page 251, George B. Webster, noted as received from the Baptist Church, after disciplinary conditions had been complied with, into full connection without any question being called.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—This journal is neat and well kept; entirely free from erasures and interlineations. It has proper headings, and the marginal references are full, but it is defective in that it is not paged. We note the following inaccuracies and defects:

At the session of 1898 the Conference appointed a Committee on Admissions for the quadrennium, adding, "as the Discipline directs," whereas the Discipline does not so direct.

In the case of J. T. Gibson the presiding elder stated that a committee was appointed to investigate, but the record does not show that said committee made any report.

Under questions two, four, eight, and twelve, names are called, and the record simply says, "Character passed, committee approved," without saying what was approved.

On the third day of the session the record says: "The call of the

eighth question raised the question, 'Who are the deacons of one year?' " This is confusion.

Question 2 is asked, and answered by simply naming John A. Burtz, without showing that his character was passed, or that he stood a satisfactory examination.

Under question 4 the record says certain preachers were called before the Bishop, whereas it should read, "were called before the Conference." This same error occurs in the record of 1899.

Under question 2 the record speaks of the "Committee on Candidates." We have no such committee in our Church. Four persons were admitted on trial, but the journal does not show that they were recommended by the District Conference, or that they passed a satisfactory examination.

At the session of 1899, third day, two applicants for admission on trial were received. The record shows that they were not received, because the "committee reported adversely," without stating what committee so reported.

At the session of 1900 the names of those members referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for superannuated and supernumerary relations were called, but the record fails to show that the characters of those members were passed.

At the same session of 1900, under question 1, this record appears: "The name of Joseph H. Farr, whose application had been previously withdrawn, was taken up, and he was admitted by the requisite two-thirds majority." There is no previous mention of this name, either for admission on trial or for the privilege of withdrawing application.

At the session of the Conference in 1900 we find the following entry (fourth day): "William F. Pitts, admitted from the Methodist Episcopal Church at a former session, under the law of the Church, should have gone before the Committee on Admissions; the case therefore was reconsidered, and he was directed to go before said committee." Your committee is of the opinion that the Conference had no right to take such action.

At the session of 1901, third day, question 16 is improperly worded.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—We have examined the journal of the North Mississippi Conference. It is very neatly kept. As a rule it is correct and accurate in matter and form. There are what seems to us a few slight errors, but not more than are to be expected in the best journalism, where as much and as intricate work is to be done as is necessary to keep the journal of the Annual Conference for four years. Therefore, they are not specified.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—This record is very neat indeed, showing that great care has been bestowed upon it by the Secretary. The arrangement is convenient and well planned.

Some minor omissions appear, but only such as might naturally occur in transcribing the mass of material contained in the minutes of a great and prosperous Conference.

It appears that the minutes of the session of November 16-21, 1898, omit the call of the third question.

The answer to question 38, same session, transposes the number of pastoral charges and parsonages giving the former as 196 and the latter as 200. Comparison with reports of other years confirms this statement.

Also on page 32 the reception of George W. Porter from the Baptist Church is recorded, but the journal does not state that he assumed our ordination vows or subscribed to our doctrines and discipline.

In the session of November 15-20, 1899, on page 106, the report of the Committee of Trial expelling one George Porter does not contain the word "guilty," which was evidently the finding of the committee, thus rendering the verdict void as to this record.

In both of these, and the record of the session of November 13-18, 1900, the signatures of the President are personal and unofficial, and, with that of the Secretary, appear before, rather than after, the record of appointments as made and read for the respective sessions.

In the session of November 15-18, 1901, the answer to question 6 does not state from what Conference or Conferences J. M. Carter and M. A. Turner were transferred.

The page of the journal proper, No. 241, is headed, "Appendix Continued."

Otherwise the record is in good form, and is worthy to be commended as an example of accuracy and neatness.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.—We have examined this journal as carefully as attention to our other duties would permit. The records for the years 1898 and 1899 are not well kept. We note only a few of the mistakes, in comparison, however.

In the first place, there are a great many blots and erasures, giving the book an ungainly appearance.

There is no title-page, and the name of the Conference does not occur in the opening minutes.

There are instances where abbreviations are improperly used; as, "P. M. Advocate," for *Pacific Methodist Advocate*.

When names of members of the Conference are called and referred to the Committee on Conference Relations, the minutes should state for what relation the reference is made. This is not done in this journal for the years 1898 and 1899. The report of the Committee on Conference Relations should be in the body of the minutes, rather than in the appendix, and should be the answers to questions 17 and 18.

On page 87, question 6 is asked and answered twice. This error seems to us more from a lack of attention than from anything else; indeed, the whole trouble must be from this source, as the Secretary is evidently a competent man in point of education, etc.

We note that the appendix in the journal for 1898, including the statistical tables, is in excellent shape.

The journal for 1900 is an improvement over the two preceding years, and that for 1901 is a very great improvement over any of those that precede it.

We note also that the minutes concerning some important events are too brief to be of much value as historical documents.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—We have carefully examined the journal of the South Georgia Conference, and find it, in the main, correctly and neatly kept. There are, however, several mistakes in this journal, sufficient, in our judgment, to bring to the notice of this committee.

For instance, on page 340, session of 1898, we find the following entry: "The hour of the day having passed," etc. This entry does not show what hour of the day was meant, but the connection shows that it was the hour of adjournment. It ought, therefore, to have read, "The hour of adjournment," etc.

Again, on page 351 we find that tellers were appointed and a ballot taken for a trustee of the *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*. On page 354 the statement is made that the tellers, having returned, reported "no election." Another ballot was ordered. Whether this second ballot was ever taken, or whether any one was ever elected trustee of the *Wesleyan Christian Advocate* of that Conference, the journal nowhere shows.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—This journal is very neatly kept. The marginal notes and excellent paragraphing, the distinctly outlined headings and clear handwriting, make it a record of superior merit.

It is a pity that so admirable a journal should be marred by frequent errors in orthography.

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.—For the first two years of the quadrennium, the journal is not well kept. There is a lack of the arrangement of matter which gives the journal an unsightly appearance. There is much blank space which might have been used (there are several pages cut out and others pasted in place).

In referring to reports of the appendix, the page containing such is not given. There is a lack of proper punctuation. On pages 94-99 the officers, boards, and committees, and official roll appear, but without any reference to what session such belong.

On page 106, under question 1, the journal reads, "the Committee of Investigation," whereas it should read, "the Committee on Admissions."

On page 109, the journal reads, "Question 20 was resumed." The journal containing the minutes of the fifty-third and fifty-fourth sessions is well kept in the main, being the work of a different Secretary. However, in the fifty-third session there is no marginal reference, and for the fifty-third and fifty-fourth sessions reference is made in the minutes to reports contained in the appendix, without mentioning the page.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—We have carefully examined the journal

of the Tennessee Conference, and find it, in many respects, the most perfect thing of the kind that we have seen. The penmanship is very plain and neat; the spelling, punctuation, and capitalization are well-nigh perfect; the marginal index copious and helpful; indeed, there is little in this excellent journal to criticise, and the few mistakes, if mistakes they may be called, are of minor importance.

On page 5, under the head of introductions, it is said, "Dr. P. H. Whisner, Secretary Church Extension," etc.; would be better to say, "Dr. P. H. Whisner, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension," etc.

On page 6 the number of question, "What local preachers are elected elders?" is omitted. The number of the question should always be given.

On page 13, just after the opening of the morning session for that day, this entry is made: "The journal of the afternoon session was read and approved." Would it not be better to say, "The journal of the previous session, or the journal of yesterday's afternoon session," etc.?

On page 16 the opening minute reads as follows: "The Conference met according to adjournment at 2:30 P.M."; when there is no reference in the minutes of the morning session to an afternoon session.

On page 115 the words endorse and endorsement are each begun with an "i" instead of an "e."

In one point the Tennessee Conference is worthy of special commendation: they allow their Engrossing Secretary a fair compensation for his excellent work.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.—The journal of the Texas Conference has been neatly and accurately kept.

The journal fails to give the votes cast in the election of delegates to the General Conference.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—The record of the Virginia Conference is neatly written and correct in arrangement and statement. The signatures of the President and Secretary are appended as required, and dates are correct.

A resolution of the Conference of 1899 appears pasted in the original form on page 206, instead of being transcribed in regular order. We would call attention to the fact that the abbreviation of the word November is "Nov.," instead of "Novem." as it is written in the record.

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—This is a neat and, for the most part, well-kept journal. There are, however, some interlineations and erasures which mar the record. Also some omissions of words which make difficult the meaning of sentences. We make the following criticisms:

Page 69, the word "aggregate" is spelled with only two "g's." Page 99, in a resolution on polygamy, the last syllable in the word "within" is omitted. Pages 100, 101, and 260, the letter "v" is omitted in the word severally. Page 110, question 20, the word "character" is sub-

stituted for "life." Page 126, the letter "e" is omitted in the word "made." No report is made by the Committee on Public Worship during the sessions of the Conferences of 1899, 1900, and 1901. Pages 102 and 254, the singular "was" is used instead of "were." Page 277, session 1901, a special committee was appointed in the case of Rev. J. M. Peters. The minutes do not show what became of Peters and the committee. There is no report whatever.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—With the exception of a few insignificant verbal errors, the clerical work is neatly and correctly done, and there seems to be no irregularity in the proceedings.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—This is a well-kept record; the handwriting is excellent, and the mechanical execution of the record good. Attention is directed to some of the forms of expression, viz.: On page 151, "Bishop H. C. Morrison 'took the chair,'" whereas it should read, "Bishop H. C. Morrison 'in the chair,'" as no one was contesting his seat.

Frequent references are made to individuals without giving their initials, as "Brother Hicks," "Brother Scroggs," "Brother Everett," etc. A few omissions of words noted, pages 247, 250, and 251.

On page 294 an imperfect record is made in connection with election of delegates to the General Conference, as follows: "After considerable time spent in balloting, the following named brethren were elected," then simply the list of clerical and lay delegates is put down, without giving the number of ballots or votes.

On page 251 the following record occurs: "J. M. Hayden, from the Christian Church, and recommended by the McAllister District Conference, was recognized in deacon's orders. He was called before the Conference and assumed the vows." We raise the question that the Church referred to here has no forms of ordination, and hence J. M. Hayden could not have been in deacon's orders.

On page 229 record is made of a business session on Sunday evening, November 5, 1899, at which time "the Board of Education made Report No. 2, which was adopted," and at the same session the appointments were read.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—We have carefully examined the journal of this Conference for 1898-1901, and find it faultless.

MEXICAN BORDER MISSION CONFERENCE.—The journal of this Conference was before our committee, but since it is written in a language unknown to any member of the committee present, we can only say that, for the most part, the writing is fairly plain and good, and so far as the committee is able to judge, without reading, the journal seems to be very well kept.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.—We have examined the journal of this Conference, and find that it has been neatly and carefully kept. We were unable to detect any inaccuracies worthy of note.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.—We have carefully examined the journal of this Conference for the quadrennium just closed, and give the following report of same:

1. The journal is in the main well kept; the writing is good and clear; the marginal references are full, but the too free use of red ink mars its neatness and general appearance.

2. The journal is disfigured by being partly written and partly composed of printed matter pasted in the journal.

3. The Conference journal of November 22, 1900, does not have the appointments of the preachers to their charges recorded in their proper place in the body of the minutes, but they are placed in the supplement. This we consider a serious defect.

4. Inaccurate words are used frequently. Page 14, "Minutes were read and adopted," instead of approved. Page 87, "Denton was nominated and unanimously elected" as the place for holding session of Annual Conference. Of course it was "selected" as the place.

5. But there is much to commend this journal. A little more care in the use of proper words would add greatly to its value.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.—This journal is a model in every respect. It accurately chronicles the proceedings; marginal notes sufficiently copious. No adverse criticism to be made.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—We find this journal well kept, and the Secretary is to be commended for neatness. He should, however, have the minutes signed after the "Condensed Minutes," for the reason that the minutes in general do not note all that was done, and hence much of the work of the Conference lacks the official signature of the President and Secretary. This will be obviated by signing the minutes of the entry of the "Condensed Minutes."

W. C. BLACK, *Chairman.*

S. B. TURRENTINE, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEE ON REVISALS.

REPORT NO. 1.

(See pp. 107, 108.)

Your Committee on Revisals, to whom were referred several papers, hereinafter described, beg leave to report thereon as follows:

1. They recommend concurrence with the resolution of C. H. Briggs and George M. Jones in reference to the division of Church property, with slight amendment. The recommended change is to strike out in paragraph 452, page 187, of the Discipline, line 18, the word "decline," and insert in lieu thereof the words "fail, after written notice." The last sentence in said paragraph will then read: "And if any Quarterly or District Conference shall fail, after written notice, to appoint such arbitrator, within one year after such division, this shall work a forfeiture of the claim of such Conference in the property."

Respectfully submitted:

PAUL WHITEHEAD, *Chairman.*

PERRY S. RADER, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 2.

(See p. 158.)

Your Committee on Revisals respectfully beg leave to make Report No. 2, as follows:

1. They recommend concurrence with a memorial of the Denver Conference asking that paragraphs 448 and 449, of Section II., Chapter XIV. of our Discipline, be taken from said section and placed in Section I. of said chapter, where they properly belong; and that the numbering of all paragraphs in said sections be changed to conform with this rearrangement.

Your committee are greatly surprised that this error was suffered to occur in the position of these paragraphs.

2. They recommend concurrence with a resolution offered by H. B. Johnston, A. J. Meaders, and S. L. Jewell, of the Memphis Conference, to amend paragraph 202, page 87 of the Discipline, so that it shall read as follows:

"The Board or Boards of Trustees of every circuit, station, or mission shall be responsible to the Quarterly Conference of the same, which shall have power to dismiss any of them from office; and shall be required to present a report of their acts, at least once a year, to the Quarterly Conference. Where a District Board of Trustees is appointed by a District Conference, such Board shall hold the same relations, in all respects, to the Conference so appointing. In the interval of the District Conference, the presiding elder may appoint a Board of Trustees for district property, to hold until their successors are elected."

3. Your committee have duly considered the following papers, and recommend nonconcurrence with each of them, namely:

(a) A resolution of the Missouri Conference delegates to amend minute question 29, in the business of an Annual Conference.

(b) A resolution of J. W. Tarboux, of the Brazil Conference, concerning formation and instruction of classes of baptized children.

(c) A resolution of C. H. Briggs and S. H. Wainright, with respect to credentials of ministers of our Church in good standing withdrawing in order to join another Church.

(d) A resolution of J. B. Robins and W. P. Lovejoy, of the North Georgia Conference, to provide a process for speedy trial of a traveling preacher in the interval of the Annual Conference.

(e) A preamble and resolution of W. B. Palmore and W. H. Winton, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, proposing a vote of Annual Conferences on amendment to the General Rules.

(f) A memorial from the Northwest Mexican Mission Conference to allow said Conference to license local preachers by the Quarterly Conferences within its bounds, and not by the District Conference.

PAUL WHITEHEAD, *Chairman.*

PERRY S. RADER, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 3 (MINORITY).

(See p. 184.)

Your committee on Revisals has had under consideration various memorials and resolutions, requesting the creation of the office of Deaconess. The judgment of your committee was tested by a vote on the following resolution:

"Resolved, That we establish the office of Deaconess in our Church."

Twenty-six members were present and voted. The vote resulted in a tie. The undersigned members of your committee, who voted affirmatively upon the above-named resolution, beg leave to report to you as follows, to wit:

We recommend that you add additional paragraphs next following Art. XV., ¶ 403, Section IV., Chapter XI., page 164, Discipline of 1898, as follows, to wit:

¶ 404. Art. XVI. The office of Deaconess is hereby created in connection with the Woman's Home Mission Society. The Woman's Home Mission Board shall prescribe a course of training for candidates for Deaconess work, and shall pass upon the applications of those persons recommended by Quarterly Conferences for appointment to a training school, and shall have power to reject a candidate at any time during or at the end of a course of training, if she be found unsuited to the work. The Board, or the Executive Committee thereof, shall, upon application, recommend Deaconesses to Mission Boards, preachers in charge, Societies, or other Church agencies wishing to employ them. When a Deaconess is thus employed, she shall make reports to the Quarterly Conference of the charge in which she labors, and be, so far as is practicable, under the direction of the preacher in charge. When removing from the bounds of one pastoral charge to another, she shall carry a certificate of official standing. She shall also make annual reports to the Woman's Board of Home Missions. Her certificate must be renewed annually.

¶ 405. Art. XVII. A candidate for Deaconess work must be at least twenty-three years of age, a single woman or a widow. She must be a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in good standing, and must have shown a fitness for this work by active service in some line of Christian work. She must have a good English education, and a certificate of good health from a reputable physician. Her application for admission to the training school must be indorsed by the Quarterly Conference and the preacher in charge of the church of which she is a member. She must pass a satisfactory examination before the proper committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, both as to her educational and religious qualifications, before she can be placed in the training school. She must give two years of probationary service, and study the course prescribed by the Board, after which she must have the recommendation of the superintendent of the school. In exceptional cases, when other requirements are met and the course in the training school is not deemed necessary, she may be nominated by the preacher in charge, and

elected to the office of Deaconess by the Quarterly Conference, without attending the training school. The duties of the Deaconess are to minister to the poor, care for the sick, provide for the orphan, comfort the sorrowing, seek the wandering and sinful, and do any religious or teaching work to which she may be assigned by the preacher in charge, employing her in the home or foreign field, and relinquishing all other pursuits, devote herself to these or other forms of Christian work to which she may be found adapted. No vows shall be required of any Deaconess, nevertheless it is expected that those who seek admission to the training school, or who apply for a certificate from the Quarterly Conference, will have considered carefully the steps they are taking, and feeling themselves called of God to do this work will enter upon it with the purpose of devoting themselves wholly to it. A Deaconess shall, however, be at liberty to retire from the work after three months' notice to the Woman's Home Mission Board, and will be subject to a revoking of her certificate and dismissal if found unsuited to the work. While engaged in active service, she shall be entitled to such support as the Woman's Home Mission Board shall stipulate; and if after a long term of service she shall be disqualified by sickness or old age, she shall be cared for in a Deaconess home hereinafter provided for. A Deaconess not employed by any of the above Church agencies shall be under the direct control of the Woman's Home Mission Board. A report of the work of each Deaconess, with a certificate of character and standing, shall be sent annually to the Woman's Home Mission Board by the agency employing her, together with her personal report.

¶ 406. Art. XVIII. The Woman's Home Mission Board is authorized to provide a home where unemployed Deaconesses may temporarily reside and be instructed, and where the aged or sick may be permanently cared for, and such other institutions as will not be in conflict with other provisions of Section IV., Chapter XI. of the Discipline of 1898.

CHAS. W. WHITE,	JOHN B. ROBINS,
W. W. MARTIN,	W. E. ARNOLD,
PERRY S. RADER,	HENRY P. HAMILL,
A. G. CAMPBELL,	W. I. CANTER,
PAUL WHITEHEAD,	JAS. H. MCCOLLUM,
T. L. MELLEN,	E. A. STRANGE,
W. S. NEIGHBORS.	

REPORT NO. 4.

(See p. 195.)

Your Committee on Revisals respectfully submit the following:

1. They have considered a resolution offered by H. B. Johnston, J. R. Pepper, and J. Y. Barbee, on amending the programme of the Quarterly Conference, and, concurring therewith, recommend that the Discipline, paragraph 86 on page 43, be changed by inserting a new "minute" question, to be numbered "20," and to read as follows: "Who

are appointed to examine the Church registers and the records of Church Conferences?" to be asked at the second Quarterly Conference, indicated by [2].

Let the present question 20 be numbered 21, and the words in brackets, "The Conference shall call," etc., be stricken out, and the language of the question so changed as to read, "Are there Church registers and records of Church Conference for each church in this charge, and a register for the whole charge, and have they been faithfully kept?" to be asked at the third Quarterly Conference, as indicated by [3].

2. They have also considered a resolution of H. B. Johnston and others, of the Memphis Conference, proposing an amendment to paragraph 270, page 113 of the Discipline, and, approving of the same, recommend its adoption, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That paragraph 270, page 113 of the Discipline, be amended by adding after the word "if" the words, "they report a trial unnecessary, and."

The paragraph will then read:

"When the accusation is preferred during the session of the Conference, it shall first be referred for investigation to a committee of three traveling elders, appointed by the President, which committee shall report to the Conference whether or not they deem a trial necessary. If they report a trial unnecessary, and the Conference differ in judgment from the committee, a second committee shall be appointed to inquire into the facts, and their report shall be final."

Respectfully submitted:

PAUL WHITEHEAD, *Chairman*.

PERRY S. RADER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5.

(See p. 194.)

Your Committee on Revisals have had under favorable consideration several papers, which are hereby reported on as follows:

2. A resolution signed by C. H. Briggs and M. E. Benton, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That paragraph 279 be amended by adding the following: 'And *provided, further*, that a preacher on trial, appointed as a student, shall be assigned to a Quarterly Conference to which he shall be amenable for his moral character.'"

We recommend concurrence.

Respectfully submitted:

PAUL WHITEHEAD, *Chairman*.

PERRY S. RADER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8.

(See p. 194.)

Your Committee on Revisals have considered a resolution of W. E. Arnold and W. E. Thomson, to amend paragraph 189 by striking out

the words "to attend committees for the application of money to churches."

Regarding this duty of a steward as obsolete, we recommend concurrence in this suggestion.

Respectfully submitted:

PAUL WHITEHEAD, *Chairman.*

PERRY S. RADER, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

SUBSTITUTE FOR REPORT NO. 1.

(See pp. 140-153, 159.)

Whereas, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, had a just and valid claim against the United States Government for the use and abuse of property connected with its Publishing House at Nashville, Tenn., during the War between the States; which said claim was for a much larger sum, but after many years of effort to secure the payment thereof, the sum of \$288,000 was accepted by representatives of the Church in full settlement of all demands for loss of and damage to said property; and,

Whereas, it was charged by certain members of the Senate of the United States that, in connection with the passage through Congress of a bill for the payment of said claim, misleading statements were made to them by representatives of the Church regarding the amount of fees which were to be paid for prosecuting said claim before Congress; and,

Whereas, an investigating committee of the United States Senate, after a full review of all the facts, concluded its report with the statement that the Church has been injured by the misconduct of its agents, but for such misconduct it (the Church) is held entirely blameless; and,

Whereas, the Collège of Bishops, acting for the Church, transmitted a letter to the Vice President of the United States, as the presiding officer of the Senate, containing the following tender:

"While reaffirming the justness of our claim, payment of which has been sought for twenty-five years, we insist that the Church cannot afford to accept it as a gratuity or on conditions that reflect upon its honor. Inasmuch, therefore, as some Senators have affirmed on the floor of the Senate that they were induced to support the claim by misleading statements on the part of the representatives of the Church—statements, however, which do not affect the merits

of our claim—we hereby give this assurance: that, if the Senate, by affirmative action, declares that the passage of the bill was due to such misleading statements, we will take the proper steps to have the entire amount returned to the Government.

“ROBT. K. HARGROVE,

“Secretary of the College of Bishops.”

And whereas, on this communication being referred to the Senate Committee on Claims, said committee reported that “misstatements and concealments” of the representatives of the Church “affected only the beneficiaries of the fund, and not the United States, and the Senate should take no further action in the matter”; and a resolution reciting these facts was on February 21, 1899, adopted by the Senate of the United States without a dissenting voice; and,

Whereas, upon additional communication, a letter was written to Bishop Candler, signed by and concurred in by seventy-nine Senators, including a majority of the Senators who had voted on this question, concerning the offer to repay the money realized from said claim, to the following effect: “The resolution adopted by the Senate was a distinct reply to that offer, declining to recognize the propriety of the repayment by the Church of this money to the Government. In view of this record, we are unable to see upon what ground there can be based the contention that the Church should make a second offer, and invoke a second refusal from the Government, or any department thereof. The report of the committee and the resolution, both adopted by the Senate, in explicit terms exonerate the Church from all blame or ground of criticism for anything which occurred in connection with the passage of the bill, and is a clear expression of opinion that there is no obligation on the part of the Church to repay the money to the Government, or to make further offer to do so”; therefore,

Resolved, by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now assembled, 1. That the Church distinctly repudiates all the acts of concealment, misstatement, or unfairness on the part of any and all persons representing the Church in the prosecution of this claim before Congress, either intentional or otherwise, and whether the same did or did not affect the vote or opinion of any Senator or Representative.

Resolved, 2. That we endorse the purpose of our bishops in their communication to the United States Senate, and do hereby ratify and confirm their conditional tender of the money, and make their action the act of this General Conference and declarative of the mind

of the Church; and that this action be entered on the Journal of the General Conference as a final disposition of the whole matter.

W. F. McMURRY, Missouri.
 GEORGE M. NAPIER, North Georgia.
 T. W. JORDAN, Holston.
 J. W. HICKS, Holston.
 JAMES H. WEAVER, Western North Carolina.
 LUCIUS P. LITTLE, Louisville.
 JAMES O. BRANCH, South Georgia.
 A. J. LAMAR, Alabama.
 JOHN L. DAY, South Georgia.
 WILLIAM ELLIOTT, Louisville.
 PERRY S. RADER, Missouri.
 J. F. QUILLIEN, Indian Mission.
 M. L. BUTLER, Indian Mission.
 D. C. TURNIPSEED, Alabama.
 THOMAS B. KING, Memphis.
 R. G. WATERHOUSE, Holston.
 ROBERT P. MARSHALL, Kentucky.
 M. J. COFER, North Georgia.
 R. T. DANIEL, North Georgia.
 J. A. BURROW, Holston.
 W. R. RICHARDSON, South Carolina.
 J. L. JARMAN, Holston.
 R. B. SWIFT, Montana.
 J. W. KEMPER, Montana.
 OLIN KING, North Georgia.
 C. H. BRIGGS, Southwest Missouri.
 N. B. AINSWORTH, Indian Mission.
 E. B. CRAIGHEAD, Missouri.
 W. R. POWER, North Georgia.
 R. B. TAYLOR, Southwest Missouri.
 F. M. DANIEL, White River.
 R. C. MOREHEAD, White River.
 W. K. SYKES, North Mississippi.

REPORT NO. 3.

(See p. 168.)

1. Your Committee on Publishing Interests has considered the paper referred to it, signed by Jno. J. Tigert and A. F. Watkins, asking that paragraph 437 of the Discipline be amended by the insertion of the word "Quarterly" between the words "Methodist" and "Review," so that the paragraph shall read:

"¶ 437. The General Conference shall elect a Book Editor and Editor of the Review, who shall edit the Methodist Quarterly Review, and all the books of our publication, except the Sunday-school books."

On said paper we recommend concurrence.

2. Your said committee has also considered the resolution referred to it and signed by James Cannon, Jr., and James C. Reed, recommending "that the Discipline be so changed as to provide that no more than three members of the Book Committee shall be from Tennessee"; to which paper we recommend nonconcurrency.

3. Your said committee has also considered the petition of W. C. Johnson, referred to it, touching the publication of a General Conference organ, and Annual Conference organs of our Church, and other literature; and to said paper, and the recommendations therein made, we report nonconcurrency.

4. Your said committee has also considered the two papers referred to it signed by S. L. Jewell, and seven others, asking that ¶ 417, Chapter XIII., page 171 of the Discipline, be so amended as to abolish the office of Assistant Book Agent, making said paragraph read: "There shall be a Publishing House in Nashville, Tenn., to be called the 'Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South,' incorporated under the name of 'The Book Agent of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, under the control of a Book Agent, and of a committee, to be called the 'Book Committee.' The General Conference shall elect the Book Agent and the Book Committee, the latter upon the nomination of a committee of nine to be appointed by the bishops." Second, to change the verbiage of the entire section relating to the Book Agent, from the plural to the singular, substituting "Agent" for "Agents," and "he" for "they" wherever the pronoun refers to the Book Agent.

Upon each of said papers your committee reports nonconcurrency.

5. Your said committee has also considered the memorial from the Nashville Methodist Preachers' Meeting concerning a Methodist Museum, and signed by T. L. Moody, president, and B. F. Gilbert, secretary; and to the said memorial your committee respectfully asks that the matters therein named be referred to the Book Committee, with our recommendation that the paper is well worthy of thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully submitted:

JAMES M. ROBERTSON, *Chairman.*
J. W. DANIEL, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 4.

(See pp. 178-181.)

1. Your Committee on Publishing Interests has had before it the following resolutions, referred to it by this General Conference:

"(1) That it is the sense of the Conference that no part of our Sunday School Quarterlies and our Sunday School Magazine, published for the use of our Sunday schools, should be used for any other purpose than to teach our people the great truths and principles of the Bible; and therefore,

"(2) That this Conference direct that no part of said publications

shall be used for advertising purposes, other than relating to the publications and institutions of the Church.

"H. E. W. PALMER,
"W. C. LOVETT."

We recommend nonconcurrence.

2. Your said committee has also had before it a paper signed by T. E. Edwards and J. W. Grimes, referred to it by this Conference, asking "that the price of Sunday-school literature for all Sunday schools conducted in English in Mexico be fixed at the same price as it is now sold to the Sunday schools conducted in Spanish." To this paper we recommend nonconcurrence.

3. Your said committee has also had before it the memorial of the Louisville Conference, signed by Gross Alexander, Secretary, referred to it by this Conference, asking that "legislation be enacted to prevent the multiplication of periodicals issued under the authority of the General Conference," etc. To this memorial, and the matters therein contained, this committee reports nonconcurrence.

4. Your said committee has also had before it the resolutions signed by I. P. Martin, John E. Naff, and S. B. Vaught, referred to it by this Conference, asking for legislation touching the consolidation of the papers published by the various Boards under the supervision of the General Conference, etc. To this paper, and the recommendations therein made, this committee reports nonconcurrence.

5. Your said committee has also had before it the memorial of the Los Angeles Annual Conference, referred to it by this Conference, and asking "that the Book Committee, in preparing the quarterly and annual blanks, add plans for the financial report of the Epworth Leagues." To this paper this committee recommends concurrence.

6. Your said committee has also had before it the memorial from the Murfreesboro District Conference, signed by G. B. McPeak, Thomas R. Curtis, and T. A. Kerley, referred to it by this Conference, and memorializing that we "combine all of our young people's papers," etc., "so as to give us a strong paper that will meet the demands of our young people," etc.; and to this paper, and the matters and things therein contained, this committee recommends nonconcurrence.

7. Your said committee has also had before it a resolution by the Alabama Conference, but unsigned, referred to it by this Conference, suggesting that this committee "consider the advisability of establishing at convenient points three, or at most four, religious newspapers, to be published under the control and direction of the General Conference, the same to take the place of our present Conference organs, and to be recognized as the only organs of the Church or any of its Conferences." To this paper, and the matters therein contained, this committee reports nonconcurrence.

8. Your said committee has also had before it the memorial from the Dickson District Conference, referred to it by this Conference, asking that the subscription price of the Nashville *Christian Advocate*

be reduced to one dollar per year. This committee recommends non-concurrence with said paper.

9. Your said committee has also had before it a memorial from the Brazil Mission Conference, signed by James L. Kennedy, J. W. Wol-ling, and J. W. Tarboux, and referred to it by this Conference memorializing for help in establishing a Publishing House in Brazil, and asking for twenty-five thousand dollars from the Church to that end, etc. This committee concurs with said paper and the suggestions therein made; but not knowing the financial status of our Publishing House, so as to be able to determine the advisability of making this large appropriation at this time, we return said paper to the Conference, with the recommendation that it be referred to the Book Committee for final action; and that said Book Committee be authorized and instructed to inquire into the conditions of Brazil, and of our mission work in that country, and to give such aid in the preparation and dissemination of Christian literature in that mission field of our Church as the Book Committee, after consultation with the bishop in charge and the Committee on Translations of the Board of Missions, may deem advisable.

12. Your said committee has also considered the following resolutions introduced before it, and which it adopted, to wit:

"Resolved, 1. That the sum of seven thousand dollars be, and that sum is hereby, appropriated to the support of the *Pacific Methodist Advocate* during the next quadrennium, which shall be diminished by the amount of cash balance on hand at the close of the year, and the unexpended balance of the appropriations made by the General Conference of 1898.

"Resolved, 2. That the sum of \$2,000 be annually appropriated for contributions to the Nashville *Christian Advocate*; and that the Book Committee be authorized and requested to furnish such clerical and other assistance to the editor as he may need; and that said editor be authorized to nominate an assistant editor for said paper, to be elected by the Book Committee.

"Resolved, 3. That the sum of \$1,200 per annum be appropriated for contributions to the *Methodist Quarterly Review*."

This committee recommends that the above resolutions be adopted by this General Conference.

13. Your said committee has also had before it the memorial of Thomas J. Dougherty, President of the Nashville Typographical Union, and William C. Phillips, Organizer, etc., referred to it by this Conference, and has heard from Brother Phillips in person touching the same; and this committee reports back to this Conference the said memorial, with the statement that said memorial does not come within the province of this committee to take any action thereon.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

JAMES M. ROBERTSON, *Chairman*.
J. W. DANIEL, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

REPORT NO. 1.

(See pp. 108-115.)

The Committee on Education has had under consideration a memorial from the Board of Education, and begs leave to make the following recommendations:

1. That our Conferences generally be urged to advance the standards for admission on trial in accordance with the advanced standards in all callings. Our preachers should be leaders of men, and in an age of general education, they need to be educated men.

2. That the colleges connected with our Church be requested to incorporate in their A.B. curricula a required course of study of the English Bible of at least two recitations per week for one year, and to offer as electives for the A.B. degree courses in New Testament Greek and Church History.

3. That special effort be made by our educators, presiding elders, and pastors to encourage and induce all such ministerial students to attend the Biblical Department of Vanderbilt University as are prepared to enter upon and profit by the specific theological training provided by that institution.

4. (1) That for the guidance of all candidates for admission and undergraduates in the Conferences, and also of those who, having completed the Conference course, desire to prosecute a post-graduate course of study, the Board of Education is instructed to establish at Nashville, in connection with the Biblical Department of Vanderbilt University and under the direction of its Faculty, Correspondence Courses, which shall be offered to all ministers or candidates for our ministry under such regulations as may be approved by the Board and Faculty.

(2) The Secretary of this Correspondence School shall issue a certificate to every one who prosecutes, under the direction of the school, the study of any book embraced in the course of study, and passes a satisfactory written examination on the same. He shall send this certificate along with the questions and examination papers to the chairman of the Annual Conference committee having charge of the candidate or undergraduate concerned. The Conference committee may then, if the Conference see fit, accept this certificate in lieu of examinations held by themselves.

5. We recommend the establishment of Preachers' Institutes in various parts of the connection, which shall be organized in connection with the above Correspondence School, and shall be carried on in coöperation with the General Board of Education, and the examining committees of the Annual Conference adjacent to each Institute.

6. We recommend for adoption by the Conference the recommendation of the Board of Education which the bishops have especially quoted and endorsed in their Address, to wit: "That when an appli-

cant for admission into our traveling connection, or an undergraduate in an Annual Conference, shall present the certificate of one of our universities or colleges, approved by the Board, that he has passed a satisfactory examination on any book in our course of study, it may be accepted in lieu of examination on those books by the Conference committee, if the Annual Conference so directs.

7. We recommend the adoption of the advance in the educational assessments of \$5,000, as proposed by the Board of Education, and that they be authorized to expend as much of this sum as may be necessary to meet the expenses of this Correspondence Course, and to aid in the organization of the Institutes proposed and in securing attendance at said Institutes.

8. The committee has had under consideration also a memorial from the South Carolina Conference proposing that the selection of the Conference course of study, now in the hands of the bishops, be placed in the hands of the Theological Faculty of Vanderbilt University, leaving a veto power with the bishops, and begs to report against the change proposed.

Respectfully submitted:

W. B. MURRAH, *Chairman.*

C. E. DOWMAN, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 2.

(See pp. 189-191.)

1. The Committee on Education has had under consideration that portion of the Episcopal Address relating to Christian education, and particularly those passages which discourage the multiplication of secondary schools and advise that more attention be paid to the training schools of the Church, and recommends the adoption of the following:

Whereas, much of the large amount of money collected for education during the Twentieth Century Movement has been applied to institutions which are merely local and secondary; and whereas, an undue number of secondary schools in an Annual Conference tends to create friction; and whereas, experience has taught us that we have probably lost more of these institutions than we have saved; and whereas, in most sections, such schools, if properly managed, are self-supporting, while under no conditions can such a college as the Board of Education recognizes be self-supporting; and whereas, the gradual development of our public school system is constantly narrowing the field of our secondary institutions; and whereas, the declared policy of the Church aims at a well-organized system, in which there shall be no waste of means; therefore, be it

Resolved, That as a Church we should not so much seek to establish new secondary schools as properly to care for such as have proved themselves worthy; and that the established policy of the Church, that our secondary institutions should in each Conference correlate themselves with the college of that Conference, should be enforced with tenacity and insistence by the Conference Boards of

Education; and that our Annual Conferences, while seeking to bring about a steady increase in their collections for education, should, as far as practicable, concentrate these collections on the recognized colleges and secondary schools of the Church, so that they shall inure to the permanent benefit and steady growth of these institutions.

2. The committee has also had under consideration that portion of the Episcopal Address which relates to our educational work in the West, and recommends that the Board of Education inquire into this work with a view to commending such portions of it as may be found worthy of help to the support of the Church in any way in which this support may be properly sought.

3. The committee has also considered that part of the memorial of the General Board of Education asking that an assessment of \$15,000 for Paine Institute and Lane College be made in the same manner as the other assessments for the Board, and recommends that the amount to be raised for our educational work among the negroes be left to be managed by the General Board of Education as heretofore.

4. The committee, having considered the memorial of the General Board of Education with reference to common schools, recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, a general movement is being organized looking specially to the improvement of the common schools in the rural districts of the South, and for the better preparation of teachers,

Resolved, That our educators, presiding elders, preachers, and members generally are urged to give this much-needed movement hearty endorsement and active coöperation.

5. The committee has considered the memorial of the General Board of Education asking that an addition be made to question 17, page 42 of the Discipline, of the following words: "Has a sermon on our work among the negroes been preached, and what are we doing for those institutions for negroes under our care?" The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

6. The committee has considered the whole report of the General Board of Education and of the Corresponding Secretary, and recommends that the Discipline be amended in paragraph 413 by striking out \$2,500 and inserting \$3,000, so that the portion of the paragraph referred to shall read: "To fix and pay the salary of its Corresponding Secretary not to exceed the sum of \$3,000."

Respectfully submitted:

W. B. MURRAH, *Chairman*.

C. E. DOWMAN, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5.

(See p. 181.)

The Committee on Education nominates for election the Board of Education for the ensuing quadrennium, as follows:

Bishop C. B. Galloway, Bishop E. R. Hendrix; J. H. Kirkland, Tennessee Conference; W. W. Smith, Virginia Conference; W. B. Murrah,

North Mississippi Conference; C. E. Dowman, South Georgia Conference; J. C. Kilgo, North Carolina Conference; W. R. Webb, Tennessee Conference; W. H. LaPrade, Louisiana Conference; John Massey, Alabama Conference; R. S. Hyer, Northwest Texas Conference; H. N. Snyder, South Carolina Conference; H. P. Hamill, Baltimore Conference; R. G. Waterhouse, Holston Conference; S. G. Thompson, Indian Mission Conference.

Respectfully submitted:

W. B. MURRAH, *Chairman.*

C. E. DOWMAN, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

REPORT NO. 1.

(See pp. 100, 101.)

Your committee has had under consideration a memorial from the Japan Mission Conference, asking that the Discipline be changed so as "to extend to the native preachers in foreign countries the same exception in regard to time limit in their appointment as is now applied to missionaries in foreign stations."

As the change would affect our itinerant system, we return the paper with the suggestion that it be referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

We have also considered a memorial from the Board of Missions of the North Georgia Conference, asking for the election of a "Missionary Bishop, who shall have charge of our mission work beyond the Pacific"; also for the election of a Secretary for the Board of Missions "who shall be untrammelled by office duties"; and also for the election of an office Secretary for the Mission Rooms who shall be Treasurer without additional salary.

We respectfully recommend that we do not concur with any of these requests contained in the memorial.

F. D. SWINDELL, *Chairman.*

J. R. BINGHAM, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 2.

(See p. 122.)

Your committee has considered a memorial from the Little Rock Annual Conference, asking for "consolidation into one periodical the four missionary periodicals of our Church, viz., *The Review of Missions*, *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, *Our Homes*, and *Go Forward*." We recommend nonconcurrency.

Also a memorial from the Holston Conference, signed by T. C. Shuler, asking for authority to establish mission schools by any presiding elder within his district, with the consent of the Conference Board of Missions. We recommend that no action be taken, inasmuch as sufficient authority already exists.

We have also considered a memorial from Griffin Station Quarterly

Conference, North Georgia Annual Conference, asking for consolidation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Mission Society. We recommend nonconcurrence, inasmuch as mandatory action is not desirable at this time; but we recommend that the General Boards of these societies be requested to consider the wisdom of such union.

F. D. SWINDELL, *Chairman.*

J. R. BINGHAM, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 3.

(See p. 164.)

Your Committee on Missions has considered that part of the Bishops' Address referred to us. We note with pleasure the progress our work has made during the past quadrennium in all fields occupied by us; and we express gratitude to Almighty God for the favor with which he has blessed our work. We approve recommendations one, two, three, and four, calling for increased activity, efficiency, and liberality in the cause of missions at home and abroad.

We have considered a resolution by S. H. Wainright and J. H. Pritchett, on "Methodist Union in Japan," as follows:

"Whereas, the evangelization of the Japanese empire by the various branches of Methodism has reached the stage which calls for more compact organization; and whereas, the six Methodist bodies in Japan, in recognition of changed conditions and in view of the increased efficiency and future progress of Methodism, have agreed, through their respective Annual Conferences, to memorialize their respective Churches in the United States and Canada to set them apart as a united and independent Methodist Church,

"*Resolved*, That this General Conference favors the organic union of our Church in Japan with other Methodist bodies in that country. Provided, first, that the basis of union submitted to this Conference by the Japan Mission Conference be referred to a commission of five members to be appointed by the College of Bishops. Second, that said commission shall include two bishops and the senior Secretary of the Board of Missions. Third, that said commission shall be authorized to confer with other commissions appointed by such Methodist bodies as may propose to enter into the union, and shall be invested with full power and final authority to act in the adoption of a basis of union."

We recommend concurrence.

We have considered a "memorial from the midwinter meeting, Board of Missions of Holston Conference, on missionary literature," asking that the Book Agents be required to distribute missionary literature free of charge. We recommend nonconcurrence.

We have considered a memorial from I. Z. T. Morris, W. B. Dodson, and S. A. Barnes containing a plan for organization of City Boards of Missions. We recommend nonconcurrence, inasmuch as the subject is already fully covered by our Book of Discipline.

F. D. SWINDELL, *Chairman.*

J. R. BINGHAM, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 4.

(See pp. 177, 186, 194.)

Your committee recommends concurrence in a memorial from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society asking certain changes in the constitution of that society, as follows:

Amend Article IV., paragraph 363, page 148 of the Book of Discipline, so that it shall read: "The Woman's Board shall consist of a President and two Vice Presidents, two Managers who shall reside in Nashville, Tenn., one or more Corresponding Secretaries, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, Editor of *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, and the Corresponding Secretaries or their alternates of the Conference Societies. The Secretaries of the Board of Missions shall be honorary members of the Woman's Board.

Amend Article XV., paragraph 374, page 151, so that it shall read: "The business of the Board in the interim of the annual meetings shall be conducted by an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the Board, the two Managers, and the Editor of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, five of whom shall constitute a quorum. If necessary to make a quorum, one of the Secretaries of the General Board may act.

Amend Article VI., paragraph 365, page 149, lines eight and nine, by striking out these words: "Five shall be a quorum for monthly meetings or called meetings."

Amend Article IX., paragraph 368, page 150, so that the second sentence shall read: "In her absence one of the Vice Presidents shall preside, and if neither is present, a chairman shall be elected *pro tem*."

F. D. SWINDELL, *Chairman*.

J. R. BINGHAM, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5.

(See pp. 155, 156.)

Your committee recommends concurrence in a memorial from the Board of Missions asking for certain changes in the constitution of said Board, as follows:

Amend paragraph 341, Article II. of the Book of Discipline, so that said article will read as follows:

"Said Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, one Secretary, one Assistant Secretary, and twenty-five managers, of whom at least ten shall be laymen, together with the bishops, the Treasurer of this Board, and the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, who shall be *ex officio* members. Said Board shall be elected quadrennially by the General Conference as follows: the President, Vice President, and Managers on nomination of the Committee on Missions, the Secretary by ballot at the time of election of other connectional officers; the members elected to continue in office until their successors are chosen. The Assistant Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected quadrennially by the incoming Board."

Amend paragraph 343, Article IV., so that said article shall read:

"The Board shall meet annually to determine what fields shall be occupied as missions, the number of persons to be employed in each, and to estimate the amount that may be necessary for the support of the missions under its charge, and to apportion the same to the several Annual Conferences, having reference in said division to the extent and importance of the home work in each Conference and to the ability and disposition of the people to give. An Executive Committee of the Board, consisting of seven members, shall also meet quarterly to hear reports from the Secretaries concerning the progress of the work in the different fields, and to consider and discuss all questions of practical importance that may arise from time to time."

Amend paragraph 346, Art. VII., so that said article will read: "The Secretary and the Assistant Secretary shall be ministers of the gospel."

Amend paragraph 347, Art. VIII., by appending at the close of said article these words: "The accounts of the Board shall be examined annually by an expert accountant, and a report of the same be made to the Board."

Amend paragraph 351, Art. XII., so that said article shall read: "Each Annual Conference shall organize a Board of Missions auxiliary to the General Board, to which it shall report annually. It shall consist of one layman from each district, and an equal number of clerical members, who shall be elected quadrennially by the Annual Conference at the first session after the General Conference. Said Board shall appoint its own officers and regulate its own affairs, and have absolute control of the missions it may, with the consent of the President of the Conference, establish within its bounds. And said Board shall have full control of the funds raised for its support."

Amend paragraph 352, Art. XIII., so that the article shall read: "The Conference Board shall hold an anniversary at each session of the Conference, and shall prepare a programme and secure speakers long enough before the session for thorough preparation, and by such means as it may choose shall disseminate missionary intelligence among the people, providing for this and other necessary expenses. It shall publish a full report of its operations every year in the minutes of the Conference, and shall estimate annually the amount that may be necessary for the support of its own missions, and apportion the same to the presiding elders' districts for collection. It shall hold a mid-year meeting whenever practicable, and provide for the expense of the same."

Amend paragraph 355, Art. XVI., so that it shall read: "The Treasurer of the Conference Board shall transmit to the Treasurer of the General Board, on the first day of each month, all moneys he may have on hand for foreign missions. His accounts shall be audited annually by a committee appointed by the Annual Conference Board."

Amend paragraph 357, Art. XVIII., so that it shall read: "It shall

be the duty of the preacher in charge to preach on the subject of missions at least annually, and to hold missionary mass meetings annually in every church in his work, to see that each Sunday school is organized into a missionary society, in which the collections shall go to missions, and that each League hold a monthly missionary meeting and study the subject of missions; to circulate missionary literature, and to seek in every way the education and inspiration of his people concerning the salvation of the heathen."

Amend paragraph 358, Art. XIX., so that it shall read: "Each Annual Conference Board of Missions shall nominate, for appointment by the President of the Conference, a Secretary, who shall be *ex officio* a member of the Conference Board, to travel in the interest of its own missions and the work of the General Board. The Secretary thus appointed shall perform these services in addition to his regular pastoral work, unless his support is provided for by the Conference Board."

F. D. SWINDELL, *Chairman*.

J. R. BINGHAM, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6.

(See p. 193.)

Your committee begs leave to return to the Conference a memorial from the Illinois Conference asking that said Annual Conference be made a Mission Conference, with the request that said memorial be referred to the Board of Missions for favorable consideration.

We recommend nonconcurrence with a resolution of J. A. Burrow and W. S. Neighbors, asking that "Secretaries, Treasurers, and Managers of the General Board of Missions be made *ex officio* members of their respective Conference Boards of Missions."

Also, nonconcurrence with a resolution of R. W. Jones, W. R. Webb, and H. B. Reams, commending to "favorable consideration of the General Conference Board of Missions the subject of reducing the number of our missionary periodicals."

F. D. SWINDELL, *Chairman*.

J. R. BINGHAM, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7.

(See p. 183.)

Your committee, having duly considered sundry memorials and papers referred to us, submit this report:

1. In response to a memorial from J. F. G. Finley and others in reference to our Western work, to a recommendation from the College of Bishops, and to a recommendation from the Board of Missions, we recommend the adoption of these resolutions:

Resolved (1), That the Board of Missions, in conjunction with the bishops in charge, shall be authorized to select strategic points and make special appropriations to the same for the support of missionaries who, in view of self-support at an early day, shall be placed upon a foreign missionary basis.

(2) That the Board of Missions be authorized to devise ways and means to make effective the foregoing resolution.

(3) That the Board of Missions, Board of Church Extension, Board of Education, and the Home Mission Society shall be instructed to concentrate, as far as possible, and coöperate with each other in the investment of men and money in such centers as shall be agreed upon.

2. In response to a recommendation from the College of Bishops, and also from the Board of Missions, your committee recommends the insertion of a new paragraph in our Book of Discipline, to appear immediately after paragraph 353, Article XIV., as follows:

"¶ 354. Art. XV. The Board of Missions shall be authorized to organize, with the indorsement of the Annual Conference, and in coöperation with the Annual Conference Board of Missions, a system of city missions. These city missions shall in all cases coöperate as far as possible with the Church Extension Board and with the Woman's Home Mission Board."

F. D. SWINDELL, *Chairman.*

J. R. BINGHAM, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 8.

(See p. 171.)

Your committee nominates, for election by your body, the Board of Missions for the ensuing quadrennium, as follows:

For President, Bishop A. W. Wilson; Vice President, Rev. James Atkins. Managers—*Clerical*: J. O. Branch, South Georgia; Horace Bishop, Northwest Texas; F. D. Swindell, North Carolina; J. H. Pritchett, Missouri; John R. Deering, Kentucky; W. F. Glenn, North Georgia; J. H. McLean, North Texas; F. S. H. Johnston, Arkansas; S. L. Dobbs, North Alabama; T. L. Mellen, Mississippi; C. W. Carter, Louisiana; Seth Ward, Texas; R. H. Mahon, Memphis; Mark L. Carlisle, South Carolina; B. F. Lipscomb, Virginia. *Lay*: T. W. Jordan, Holston; J. R. Bingham, North Mississippi; Murray Carleton, St. Louis; Whitefoord Cole, Tennessee; Jordan Stokes, Tennessee; T. T. Fishburne, Baltimore; W. R. Manier, Tennessee; C. W. White, Florida; J. B. Greene, Alabama; Morgan O. Hughes, Louisville.

F. D. SWINDELL, *Chairman.*

J. R. BINGHAM, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

REPORT NO. 1.

(See p. 189.)

Your committee have had before them a resolution signed by W. F. Barclay and J. S. Hutchinson, providing for the amendment of paragraph 455 of the Discipline, and we respectfully recommend that paragraphs 455 and 456 be amended as follows:

"¶ 455. *Provided, further*, that the Trustees of any house of worship or parsonage, a majority of them uniting therein, by the consent and

authority of the Quarterly Conference, or of the District Conference, or two-thirds of the District Stewards, if it be a district parsonage, may borrow money from the Board of Church Extension, or from the Woman's Home Mission Society, and secure the repayment thereof by mortgage upon any property held in trust by said Trustees, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the contracting parties.

"¶ 456. *Provided, further*, that such Trustees, when duly authorized, as provided in ¶ 455, shall also have power to create a lien upon such property conditioned for the repayment to the said Board of Church Extension or Home Mission Society of any conditional donation made in aid of such house of worship or parsonage by said Board or Society, in the event that such property shall ever thereafter be aliened from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, or cease to be used for, or be devoted to other uses than, the purposes authorized by the trust clauses in our deeds, as prescribed by the Discipline. In the event of a sale under any mortgage, provided for in this or the preceding paragraph, the surplus money arising therefrom shall be disposed of as provided for in ¶ 454. Money received under the provisions of this or the preceding paragraph shall be used by the Trustees for the exclusive purpose of purchasing, paying debts upon, or improving church or parsonage property. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to donations to churches which do not exceed one hundred dollars. Whenever any property upon which such conditional mortgage shall have been placed shall be sold by the Trustees for the purpose of purchasing property elsewhere to be used for like purposes, it shall be the duty of the officers of the Board of Church Extension to release said lien, provided equal security be given by mortgage on the new site."

Respectfully submitted:

WILBUR F. BARCLAY, *Chairman.*

WILLIAM S. BAKER, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 3.

(See p. 195.)

Your Committee on Church Extension has had before it three papers on the subject of the insurance of Church property, to wit: The quadrennial report of the Board of Church Extension, which calls attention to the lamentable fact that during the past four years the Church has suffered a loss of \$75,000 on uninsured churches and parsonages, and earnestly commends to your favorable attention the importance of taking some steps to prevent such waste in future. We have also had before us a memorial on the same subject from the Western North Carolina Conference, and a resolution signed by W. F. Barclay and J. R. Hindman.

We respectfully recommend the adoption of the said resolution, with slight amendment, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That a Board of Insurance shall be appointed by this General Conference upon nomination of the Committee on Church

Extension, which shall consist of eleven members, and a majority of whom shall reside in or near the city of Louisville, Ky. It shall be the duty of said Board to make arrangements for the more general and adequate insurance of our Church property against destruction by fire, lightning, or storm. Said Board shall have authority either to organize a company for said purposes, to be operated under the authority and patronage of the General Conference, or to make arrangements with some existing company whereby the Trustees of our Church property may be enabled to secure adequate protection for the same upon terms more favorable than can now be obtained at the established rates of the leading commercial companies. The Board shall have no authority to involve the Church or any department thereof in any pecuniary obligation or liability by its acts. The members of said Board shall serve for a term of four years and until their successors shall have been elected; but the Board shall have authority at any meeting to fill vacancies occurring in its membership."

Your committee respectfully nominate the following as members of the Board of Insurance: J. H. Kirkland, J. C. Kilgo, S. M. Hosmer, William S. Baker, P. H. Whisner, Presley Meguiar, R. B. Gilbert, Charles M. Phillips, Samuel Ouerbacker, P. H. Tapp, T. B. Morton.

Respectfully submitted:

WILBUR F. BARCLAY, *Chairman.*

WILLIAM S. BAKER, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 6.

(See p. 168.)

Your Committee on Church Extension respectfully nominate the following as officers and managers of the Board of Church Extension for the ensuing quadrennium: President, Presley Meguiar; Vice President, R. B. Gilbert; Treasurer, John Ouerbacker; Managers—John L. Wheat, M. H. Neely, S. M. Hosmer, T. L. Jefferson, Presley H. Tapp, T. S. Garrison, J. D. Harper, T. W. Lewis, W. F. Barclay, P. B. Hicks, W. F. McMurry, Walter S. Mitchell, M. J. Cofer.

Respectfully submitted:

WILBUR F. BARCLAY, *Chairman.*

WILLIAM S. BAKER, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES.

REPORT NO. 1.

(See p. 101.)

Your committee having considered a memorial from the Louisville Conference praying that Guthrie charge, in the Clarksville District of the Tennessee Conference, be transferred to the Louisville Conference, recommend that the petition be granted, and that the Discipline, paragraph 517, page 284, be amended by striking out the clause, "the

town of Guthrie, Ky., shall also be included in the Tennessee Conference."

M. E. BENTON, *Chairman.*

JOHN R. NELSON, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 3.

(See p. 182.)

Your Committee on Boundaries would respectfully report as follows:

1. Having considered memorials from the St. Louis Annual Conference, Illinois Annual Conference, and the Cairo charge, Murphysboro District, Illinois Conference, each requesting the transfer of the city of Cairo, Illinois, from the Illinois Conference to the St. Louis Conference, we recommend concurrence, and that the Discipline be amended by inserting in paragraph 491, page 277, after the word "except," the following clause: "the city of Cairo, Illinois, which shall belong to the St. Louis Conference, and the city of Jeffersonville, Indiana, which shall belong to the Louisville Conference"; and by adding to paragraph 516, page 284, the clause, "also the city of Cairo, Illinois."

2. We concur in a memorial from the Mississippi Annual Conference, and recommend the amending of the Discipline by striking out the closing clause of paragraph 501, page 279, which reads as follows: "Except that part of Neshoba county lying north of Pearl River."

3. We recommend concurrence in a resolution signed by C. F. Reid and W. H. Park, to amend paragraph 483, page 275 of the Discipline, so as to read, "The China Mission Conference shall include all our work in the empire of China and the empire of Korea."

4. We concur in a memorial from the Indian Mission Conference, to divide that body during the next quadrennium, and recommend that this prayer be granted, provided a majority of the votes are for division, and the presiding bishop approves the same.

M. E. BENTON, *Chairman.*

JOHN R. NELSON, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 4.

(See pp. 168, 169.)

Your Committee on Boundaries would respectfully submit Report No. 4, as follows:

Item 1. We concur in a memorial from the Western North Carolina Conference to change the boundary line of that Conference, and recommend that the Discipline be amended by adding to paragraph 522, page 286, the following: "And also that portion of the state of North Carolina lying north of New River, and including that part of the state of Virginia lying south of said river in the loop in Grayson county, Virginia," and inserting in paragraph 490, page 277, after the words "Savannah Church in Allegheny county, North Carolina," the following clause: "and also that part of the state of North Carolina lying north of the New River."

Item 2. We have had under consideration a memorial from the Little Rock Annual Conference; a petition signed by the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, residing in the city of Texarkana, Arkansas; and a petition signed by members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, residing within the bounds of the Genoa Circuit in Miller county, Arkansas—each requesting that the state line between Arkansas and Texas through the city of Texarkana be made the dividing line between the East Texas and the Little Rock Conferences; also a counter memorial from the Quarterly Conference of State Line Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Texarkana, Texas, representing five hundred members, and praying that the boundary line of the East Texas Conference be not disturbed. We recommend that the state line through the city of Texarkana be the dividing line between the East Texas and Little Rock Conferences, and that the Discipline be amended by striking out of paragraph 487, page 276, the parenthetical clause, “including all the city of Texarkana in this Conference.”

Item 3. We recommend concurrence in a memorial from the Louisiana Annual Conference to amend the Discipline, paragraph 495, by striking out “and Munnerlyn’s Chapel in Louisiana,” and paragraph 497 by striking out “except Munnerlyn’s Chapel.”

Item 4. We concur in a memorial from the New Mexico Conference, and recommend that the Discipline be amended at paragraph 504, page 280, by substituting for “west of the Pecos River,” after the words “the state of Texas,” the following: “Beginning at the southeast corner of the Territory of New Mexico, and running east with the county lines of Winkler and Ector counties to the northwest corner of Midland county; thence south with the west line of Midland and Upton counties to Pecos River; thence with the meanderings of said river to its mouth; thence in a northwesterly direction with the meanderings of the Rio Grande to the south line of New Mexico.”

M. E. BENTON, *Chairman.*

JOHN R. NELSON, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 5.

(See pp. 175-177.)

Your Committee on Boundaries would respectfully report as follows:

1. Touching a memorial from the Missouri Conference, asking to detach St. Charles Station from the Missouri Conference and attach the same to the St. Louis Conference, and memorials from St. Charles District and Charleston District Conferences, asking the transfer of St. Charles District from the Missouri to the St. Louis Conference, and a counter memorial from Farmington District Conference protesting against such action, we recommend that this matter be referred to the two Conferences in interest, with permission to fix

upon a line of division mutually agreeable to them during the next four years.

2. We recommend nonconcurrence in a memorial from the Southwest Missouri Conference, asking that the town of Cabool be transferred from the St. Louis to that Conference.

3. We recommend concurrence in a memorial from the North Georgia Conference requesting the privilege to divide its territory into two Conferences, if it shall decide to do so at any time during the coming quadrennium.

4. We concur in a memorial from the Indian Mission Conference, praying that Greer county, Oklahoma, in the Northwest Texas Conference, be embraced in the territory of the Indian Mission Conference, and recommend that the Discipline be amended at paragraph 492, page 277, by striking out the clause "the Rocky Mountains," and inserting instead thereof the word "Texas," and at paragraph 511, page 283, by substituting the word "south" for the word "north," in the clause, "thence south with the state line to the North Fork of Red River."

5. We have given attention to that part of the Bishops' Address pertaining to the uniting of certain Western Conferences; also to a petition from the Preachers' Union at Phoenix and Salt River Valley, Arizona District, Los Angeles Conference, protesting against the transfer of the Los Angeles District to the Pacific Conference. After hearing representations of both ministers and laymen from that section of our Church, and duly considering the subject, we recommend that the boundary lines of these Conferences remain unchanged.

6. In a resolution signed by D. S. Campbell and W. F. Barclay, requesting the transfer of Davis Chapel appointment from the Indiana Conference to the Louisville Conference, we recommend concurrence, and that paragraph 498, page 279 of the Discipline, be amended by adding, "and also Davis Chapel appointment, near Rono, in Perry county, Indiana."

7. We have had before us the memorials from the West Texas, East Texas, and Texas Conferences, asking for a readjustment of the boundaries of the several Conferences in Texas; a memorial from the Northwest Texas Conference, praying that its boundaries be undisturbed; also a petition signed by John M. Moore, V. M. West, E. G. Gillett, S. B. Beall, W. H. Biggs, John W. Stovall, W. M. Allison, J. D. Scott, and T. F. Sessions, delegates and members of the West Texas Conference, requesting the transfer from the Northwest Texas Conference to the West Texas Conference of the counties of Lampasas, Brown, Mills, Coleman, and parts of Runnels and Coke counties; and counter memorials from the Brownwood District Conference and Brownwood District Stewards of the Northwest Texas Conference, protesting against the transfer of the Brownwood territory to the West Texas Conference. After days of careful consideration of the

whole subject, we recommend, as a final settlement of Texas boundaries, the following:

(1) That there shall be four English-speaking Conferences, instead of five, in the state of Texas, which shall be known as the Texas Conference, the North Texas Conference, the Northwest Texas Conference, and the West Texas Conference.

(2) And that the Discipline be amended as follows: Strike out paragraph 487, page 276, and paragraph 518, page 284, and in lieu thereof substitute the following: "Texas Conference shall be bounded as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of Red River county, thence east with the meanderings of Red River to the northeast corner of the state of Texas; thence south with the state line to the Gulf of Mexico; on the south by the Gulf of Mexico to Matagorda Bay; thence to the mouth of Colorado River; thence north, following the river to the north line of Wharton County; thence east to the southeast corner of Colorado county; thence north with the west line of Austin, Washington, and Lee counties to the Williamson county line; and on the north by the line of the Northwest Texas Conference to the Trinity River at the northeast corner of Freestone county; thence with said Trinity River to the southwest corner of Kaufman county; thence by the boundary line of the North Texas Conference to the place of beginning."

Amend paragraph 511, page 282, by striking out the clause, "thence on the south line of Williamson county to Burnet county; thence by the southeast line of Burnet county to the Colorado River," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "thence on the south line of Williamson county to the Austin and Northwestern railroad; thence with said road, including Liberty Hill and Leander charge, to Burnet county; thence with the east line of Burnet and Lampasas counties to Hamilton county; thence west on the south line of Hamilton county to Mills county; thence north and west with the lines of Mills county to Colorado River, including Bethany Church in Indian Creek Circuit; thence with the Colorado River to the lines of Tom Green and Mitchell counties."

Amend paragraph 520, page 285, by striking out the clause, "including Oakland appointment in Colorado county."

M. E. BENTON, *Chairman.*

JOHN R. NELSON, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

REPORT NO. 1.

(See p. 101.)

Your Committee on Temperance has considered a resolution from W. E. Arnold and J. S. Chandler in regard to quarterly temperance lessons in our Sunday-school Quarterly, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we request the International Sunday-school Lesson Committee, soon to meet in Denver, Colo., to provide for temperance lessons quarterly in the future as in the past.

2. That the Sunday-school Editor be, and hereby is, instructed to communicate this resolution to the International Lesson Committee.

3. In case the International Lesson Committee fail to provide these lessons quarterly, that our Sunday-school Editor be, and hereby is, instructed to provide a supplementary lesson each quarter on temperance, and publish the same in the Lesson Helps issued by our Church.

We have also considered a memorial from the Kentucky Conference asking that a paragraph be placed in the Discipline calling attention to the evils attendant upon the use of tobacco, discouraging its use among our preachers and people, and making a pledge to abstain from the habit a condition to admission into the traveling connection. We recommend nonconcurrence.

Respectfully submitted:

W. B. PALMORE, *Chairman*.

J. D. CLARY, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

REPORT NO. 1.

(See pp. 136, 137.)

The committee on Sunday Schools has considered that part of the Address of our bishops referred to it, and also the quadrennial report of the Sunday-school Editor, containing similar suggestions to those made in the Episcopal Address, and other recommendations, and beg leave to submit Report No. 1.

The committee approves the suggestions and recommendations hereinafter embraced, and asks that the General Conference aid our Sunday schools by making the following changes in our Discipline:

1. Amend ¶ 245, Ans. 9, by adding at the end of the paragraph these words: "And who shall, so long as may be deemed advisable, quadrennially elect a Superintendent of Training Work, whose duty it shall be to superintend the training of Sunday-school teachers and to hold Sunday-school institutes; and whose support shall be provided for as is that of the Sunday-school Editor; and the said Superintendent of Training Work shall be amenable to the Book Committee."

2. Amend ¶ 241, Ans. 5, by adding at the end of the paragraph, "The Chairman of the Board shall furnish to the Sunday-school Editor annually a complete list of the Sunday-school superintendents, with their post-office addresses," so that the paragraph shall read as follows:

"¶ 241. Ans. 5. Each Annual Conference shall establish a Sunday-school Board, composed of one layman from each presiding elder's district, and an equal number of ministers, which shall give special

attention to all Sunday-school interests within the bounds of the Conference. The Board shall meet annually at the same time and place as the Annual Conference, and shall act as a Committee on Sunday Schools. The Chairman of the Board shall furnish to the Sunday-school Editor annually a complete list of the Sunday-school superintendents, with their post-office addresses."

3. Amend ¶ 116, Ans. 9, by adding at the end of the paragraph, "He shall also furnish the Chairman of the Sunday-school Board at each Annual Conference session a complete list of the Sunday-school superintendents in his district, with their post-office addresses," so that the paragraph shall read as follows:

"¶ 116, Ans. 9. To procure full statistics from every charge, to be reported at the Annual Conference, in case the preacher in charge fails to make his report, and to have the records of his District Conference at the Annual Conference for examination. He shall also furnish to the Chairman of the Sunday-school Board at each Annual Conference session a complete list of the superintendents in his district, with their post-office addresses."

4. Amend ¶ 240, Ans. 4, by adding at the end of the first sentence, "He shall, wherever practicable, organize Bible Teachers' Study Circles in the Sunday schools of his charge, and shall encourage and assist the leader and members of such Circles as may be necessary," so that the paragraph shall read as follows:

"¶ 240, Ans. 4. It shall be the duty of the preacher in charge of every circuit and station to be present in all the Sunday schools in his charge as often as practicable, to catechise the children, to preach to them as often as convenient, to exhort them to attend regularly upon divine service, to see that they are instructed in the doctrines and usages of our Church, and to look after their spiritual welfare as a part of his pastoral charge. He shall, wherever practicable, organize Bible Teachers' Study Circles in the Sunday schools of his charge, and shall encourage and assist the leader and members of such Circles as may be necessary. He shall also lay before the Quarterly Conference at each quarterly meeting, to be entered upon its journal, a written statement of the number and state of the Sunday schools within his charge, and of the pastoral instruction of children, and make a report of the same to the Annual Conference."

5. Amend ¶ 242, Ans. 6, by adding after the words "Sunday-school Conference" the words "or Institute," so that it shall read:

"¶ 242, Ans. 6. It is recommended that a Sunday-school Conference or Institute be held in each presiding elder's district, either during the session of the District Conference, or at some other time during the Conference year; and it shall be the duty of the presiding elder to furnish in advance a suitable programme, which may be used by said Sunday-school Conference or Institute."

6. Amend ¶ 243, Ans. 7, by adding after the words "Conference Sunday-school Convention" the words "or Institute," so that it shall read:

"¶ 243. Ans. 7. It is also recommended that a Conference Sunday-school Convention or Institute be held annually within the bounds of the Conference, at such time and place as may be designated by the Conference Sunday-school Board, and under such regulations and programme as the Board may provide."

7. The committee requests the adoption of this resolution:

"Resolved, That the answer to the minute question 28, 'What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?' shall make report of all who have been enrolled in the Sunday school during the Conference year next preceding the date of the report."

And the committee recommends as a proper form the following change in minute question 28, paragraph 52, page 28 of the Discipline: "28. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars enrolled during the Conference year?"

8. The committee recommends, further, the adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Annual Conference blanks shall have a column for reporting the amount raised on Children's Day, and also the amount contributed to Missions by the Sunday schools during the Conference year."

J. R. PEPPER, *Chairman*.

JOHN O. WILLSON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5.

(See p. 161.)

The Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to submit Report No. 5.

At a regular meeting of this committee, on Saturday, May 17, a sub-committee was appointed to nominate a General Sunday-school Board for the ensuing quadrennium. At a meeting of the full committee, held May 21, said sub-committee submitted the following names to compose said Board: J. R. Pepper, Memphis Conference; B. M. Washburn, Alabama Conference; John O. Willson, South Carolina Conference; B. M. Burgher, North Texas Conference; and M. L. Walton, Baltimore Conference. Said names were approved by the committee, and are herewith submitted for approval by the General Conference.

J. R. PEPPER, *Chairman*.

JOHN O. WILLSON, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON EPWORTH LEAGUE.

REPORT NO. 1.

(See pp. 154, 155.)

Your committee have carefully considered a memorial from the North Georgia Conference which provides for the election of the Presidents of local League Chapters by the fourth Quarterly Conference upon nominations of the pastors in charge. Your committee recommend nonconcurrency.

We have had under consideration the quadrennial report of the Epworth League Board, and recommend a change in the Discipline, as follows:

SECTION VI.

OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Question. What direction shall be given concerning the Epworth League?

¶ 248. Ans. Let Epworth Leagues be organized in all our congregations, for the promotion of piety and loyalty to our Church among the young people; their education in the Bible, Christian literature, and in the missionary work of the Church; and their encouragement in works of grace and charity, to be conducted under the provisions of the following constitution:

¶ 249. Art. I. The name of this organization shall be the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

¶ 250. Art. II. The management of the Epworth League shall be vested in a board of thirteen managers, to be known as the Epworth League Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The Board shall be composed of a bishop, who shall be President *ex officio*, six traveling preachers, and six laymen, all of whom shall be elected quadrennially by the General Conference upon nomination of the standing committee on Epworth Leagues. The General Secretary shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board. The Board shall meet annually at such time and place as it may select, and seven members shall constitute a quorum. The Board shall have power to regulate its own proceedings and appropriate sufficient money to pay its incidental expenses and the expenses of its Secretary and members, incurred in the prosecution of its work.

¶ 251. Art. III. The officers of the Board shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a General Secretary, and a Treasurer, who may also be the General Secretary's business assistant, to be elected quadrennially by the Board; except the President and the General Secretary, the latter to be elected by ballot of the General Conference.

¶ 252. Art. IV. The General Secretary shall be a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He shall keep a permanent record of all the proceedings of the Board, conduct its correspondence, attend to its legal and other business, and also edit the Epworth League organ and such other literature as may be provided for by the Board. He shall travel throughout the connection in the interest of the League, make reports to all the Annual Conferences, and perform such other duties as the Board may direct under this constitution.

¶ 253. Art. V. The Board shall provide constitutions and the details of organization for local League Chapters, Senior and Junior. It shall arrange a course of reading, and in connection with the Book Agents shall provide for the publication of the same.

¶ 254. Art. VI. The local Leagues shall be under the direction of the pastor and the Quarterly Conference, and for greater efficiency they may be organized into City Unions, District, Annual Conference, and State League Conferences. Each Annual Conference shall elect quadrennially an Epworth League Board composed of one layman from each presiding elder's district, and an equal number of ministers: *provided*, that no Conference shall have fewer than six members of said Board, which shall give special attention to the Epworth League interests within the bounds of the Conference. The Board shall meet annually at the same time and place as the Annual Conference, and shall act as a Committee on Epworth Leagues.

¶ 255. Art. VII. The central office of the Epworth League shall be in Nashville, Tennessee.

¶ 256. Art. VIII. The officers of the Epworth League Board, together with the General Secretary, shall constitute an Executive Committee, who shall act for the Board *ad interim*, and fill all vacancies, subject to the approval of the Board.

¶ 257. Art. IX. The salary of the General Secretary and Editor shall be fixed by the Book Committee, and paid by the Book Agents. The Epworth League Board shall furnish the General Secretary and Editor with such clerical and editorial assistance as shall be necessary.

¶ 258. Art. X. The Epworth League Board shall, in connection with the Book Agents, arrange for the publication of a general organ for the Leagues.

¶ 259. Art. XI. The funds necessary to carry on the work of the Epworth League Board, as set forth in the constitution (except the provision for the salary of the General Secretary and the publication of the Epworth League organ), shall be derived from dues paid by the members of the local Chapters and from contributions which may be secured for the purpose. The Epworth League Board shall have power to levy on the local League Chapters an assessment not to exceed ten cents per member for each fiscal year of the quadrennium. When the Epworth League Board shall have any surplus funds in its treasury after meeting the necessary expenses of the central office, it is authorized to appropriate such surplus to the reduction or cancellation of any deficit which the books of the Publishing House may show on publication and editorial account of the General League organ.

W. F. McMURRY, *Chairman*.
THOS. B. KING, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2.

(See p. 193.)

Item 1. Your committee have had under consideration a memorial from the Louisiana Conference, asking that the General Conference order the preparation of four books for the study of the League, viz.: one on Methodist Church history, one on Methodist doctrines, one on Methodist polity, and one on Methodist biography. These

books to be in addition to the regular annual course of reading. We recommend that the memorial be referred to the Epworth League Board to be appointed by this Conference, for its favorable consideration.

Item 2. We have also had under consideration a memorial from the North Georgia Conference, asking for disciplinary provision in Chapter VI., Section VI., so as to require the appointment of Annual Conference League Boards quadrennially.

Your committee have endorsed the provision suggested by the memorial, and incorporated the same in ¶ 254, Art. VI. of our Report No. 1, to this Conference.

Item 3. We have also had under consideration a memorial from the pastors and laymen of Fort Worth District, Northwest Texas Conference, signed by J. M. Barcus and B. W. Dodson, asking for the consolidation of the Juvenile Societies into one, and that one be the Junior Epworth League.

Your committee recommend nonconcurrence in the proposed method of consolidation; and that special emphasis be put upon the organization and care of the Junior League, which is the broadest and most promising field of all our Church work. To which end we further recommend the addition of the following paragraph to Chapter VI. of the Discipline, Section VI.:

"¶ 260. Art. XII. Wherever possible, let special care be given to the organization of Junior Epworth Leagues, for pastoral instruction of children, their development in Christian faith and character, their education in missionary and other Church work, and the cultivation of their social and literary instincts under the guidance and protection of religion."

W. F. McMURRY, *Chairman.*

THOS. B. KING, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 3.

(See p. 177.)

Your committee recommend to the General Conference the election of the following to serve on the Epworth League Board for the next quadrennium: Bishop W. A. Candler, President; Sterling Fisher, J. M. Barcus, W. T. McClure, J. W. Newman, A. F. Watkins, W. F. Packard, T. B. King, H. G. Armstrong, J. D. Clary, Frank Talbott, S. B. Adams, and J. G. Brown.

W. F. McMURRY, *Chairman.*

THOS. B. KING, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS

REPORT NO. 1.

(See p. 104.)

Your committee have carefully considered the case of B. A. Cherry, of the Tennessee Conference, and the decision of the lower court is affirmed.

W. W. DUNCAN, *Chairman.*

C. H. BRIGGS, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 2.

(See p. 117.)

Your committee have carefully considered the case of M. E. Tumin, of the North Mississippi Conference, and the decision of the lower court is sustained.

W. W. DUNCAN, *Chairman*.

C. H. BRIGGS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3.

(See p. 131.)

Your committee have carefully considered the case of John Reeves, of the Kentucky Conference, and the decision of the lower court is reversed.

W. W. DUNCAN, *Chairman*.

C. H. BRIGGS, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

REPORT NO. 1.

(See pp. 89, 90.)

Your Committee on Finance, having had under consideration the payment of board and traveling expenses of delegates to the General Conference, beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the General Conference authorize the Book Agents, as Treasurers of the General Conference expense fund, to pay the actual traveling expenses of all delegates, and of the Bishops, including two dollars each for street railway fare, whenever the delegates calling for the same shall have signed the pledge prescribed by resolution of the General Conference of 1898.

Resolved, 2. That the board bills of delegates be audited by the local Committee on Entertainment, and the same be paid out of said fund.

T. S. GARRISON, *Chairman*.

B. F. LIPSCOMB, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3.

(See pp. 119-121.)

Your committee recommend that the General Conference concur in the following memorial from the North Mississippi Conference:

Amend paragraph 330 of the Discipline so that it shall read: "Each Annual Conference shall have a Joint Board of Finance, appointed by the President of the Conference (unless otherwise ordered), at the close of the Annual Conference next following the General Conference, to hold office for four years."

We also recommend that paragraph 331 of the Discipline be amended by inserting in the first line of said paragraph the words "when appointed," so that the paragraph, as amended, shall read thus: "Said Board, when appointed, shall consist of one clerical member of the Conference and one layman from each presiding elder's district: *provided, however*, that the removal of a clerical member from

one district to another shall not operate a forfeiture of membership in the Board. They shall elect their own Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary, and the Board shall fill all vacancies that may occur in the body, provided that they do so by keeping up an equal number of clerical and lay members."

T. S. GARRISON, *Chairman.*

B. F. LIPSCOMB, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 4 (MINORITY).

(See pp. 164-166.)

Whereas, the present provision made by the several Annual Conferences, under the general laws of the Church for the support of our superannuated preachers, and widows and orphans of preachers, is in many cases pitifully small, and in all cases inadequate, we fully adopt the declaration of our Bishops' Address to this General Conference, in which they say, "We refer, for your most generous consideration, the claim of our superannuated brethren and the widows and orphans of our deceased preachers. These appeal to our sympathies and liberal support as no other class in our communion":

Resolved, That this General Conference do now determine to establish, and do hereby establish, a permanent Endowment Fund, for the benefit of these claimants upon the Church, and provide for its maintenance and enlargement in the manner and under the conditions following:

1. That all existing funds that have been directed by donors or may hereafter be secured by the wills or bequests of deceased persons, together with funds which by any and all other means may be secured for the benefit of our "superannuated and worn-out preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers," of a connectional character, be and are hereby appropriated and set apart as a permanent fund to be known as the "Superannuated Endowment Fund of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," unless otherwise directed by the donors.

2. That each year such sum as the Book Committee may deem wise to withdraw from the profits earned by the Publishing House, for the benefit of our worn-out preachers and widows and orphans of preachers, shall be added to this fund, until the minimum amount of \$100,000, as recommended by our bishops, be secured.

3. That it is made the duty of the preacher in charge of each station, circuit, and mission in the Church to call attention annually in each congregation to this Endowment Fund, and ask a voluntary contribution from the congregation for its enlargement; all moneys so secured shall be sent at once to the Treasurer of the Joint Board of Finance of the Annual Conference, to be by him transmitted to the person authorized to receive such funds.

4. The Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, mentioned in paragraph 457 of the Discipline of 1898, shall be constituted custodians of this fund, and are charged with its conduct un-

der the following conditions and instructions, viz.: The above mentioned \$100,000, as a nucleus, shall be kept properly invested in good, interest-bearing securities. Such moneys as shall be derived from the sources mentioned in articles 2 and 3, and from all other sources whatsoever, shall be invested as soon as practicable after coming into the hands of the Board of Trustees. Seventy-five per cent. of the income of the fund shall be annually distributed for the relief of worn-out preachers, widows and orphans of preachers, paying over the same *pro rata*, on the basis of the number of claimants in each Conference, to the Treasurers of the Joint Boards of Finance of the several Annual Conferences, for distribution to the individual claimants. The remaining twenty-five per cent. of income shall be added annually to the body of the fund until said fund shall amount to the sum of \$5,000,000, after which the entire amount of the income shall be paid out to claimants, through the Treasurers of the Joint Boards of Finance as above mentioned. After the sum of \$5,000,000 shall have been secured, the efforts to increase the fund as provided in articles 2 and 3 shall not cease, but shall be continued indefinitely. The Board of Trustees may employ any other and further agencies for the increase of this fund, as may seem to them desirable, and shall hold said funds, as above provided, forever intact, and shall appropriate the income in no other way than that provided above, and in payment of the necessary expenses incurred in the carrying out of the plan herein set forth.

T. S. GARRISON, *Chairman*.

B. F. LIPSCOMB, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5.

(See p. 131.)

Your committee beg leave to return herewith the quadrennial report of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to nominate the following persons to fill the vacancies referred to in said report, namely: B. F. Lipscomb, W. S. Baker, Jno. J. Tigert, J. L. Parks, Jno. R. Stewart, and Jordan Stokes.

T. S. GARRISON, *Chairman*.

B. F. LIPSCOMB, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6.

(See p. 188.)

Your Committee on Finance have had under consideration a memorial from the Louisville District Conference, and also from the Louisville Annual Conference, asking that this General Conference adopt a rule or method for the more equitable distribution among the Annual Conferences of the general connectional assessments.

Your committee find great inequality and lack of business-like method in the present plan of allowing each connectional Board to adopt a schedule of distribution of its own, the result being much

confusion and dissatisfaction. We respectfully recommend the adoption of the following.

Add a new section to Chapter XI. of the Discipline, as follows:

SECTION VI.

BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT.

The Secretary of the College of Bishops, or, in his absence, a Bishop, the Secretary of the Board of Missions, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, the Secretary of Education, and the Book Editor, shall together constitute the Board of Apportionment. The Bishop shall be the Chairman and the Book Editor shall be the Secretary of the Board. It shall be the duty of the Board to meet at Nashville in the month of June following each session of the General Conference, and proceed to fix a ratio for the apportionment among the several Annual Conferences of the general connectional assessments. Such ratios shall be expressed in decimals of four figures, and shall be determined in the following manner, to wit: An apportionment shall be made according to the number of members in the several Annual Conferences, and another according to the amounts contributed therein during the preceding quadrennium for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge, not counting missionary collections or appropriations. The average of the two fractions thus obtained for any Annual Conference shall constitute the fractional part of each of the several assessments upon the Church at large to be apportioned to such Conference. The Board shall take into consideration any changes that may have taken place in Conference boundaries, and adjust the ratios according to the statistical returns from the territory affected by such changes. The ratios so determined shall continue in force until the next quadrennial meeting of the Board: *provided*, that for sufficient reasons, of which they shall be the judges, the Board of Missions, the Board of Church Extension, and the Board of Education shall each have the power to reduce the amount apportioned for its benefit to any Annual Conference; but the amount thus taken off any such Annual Conference shall not be added to the apportionment of any other Conference or Conferences.

Be it further resolved, 1. That the last three lines of paragraph 325, beginning with the words "upon the basis," be stricken out, and "as determined by the Board of Apportionment" be inserted.

2. That the last four lines (excepting the word "Conferences") be stricken out of paragraph 343, and "as determined by the Board of Apportionment" be inserted.

3. In paragraph 383, in first line on page 155, the words "each Annual Conference" be stricken out, and "the Church" be inserted; so that the clause shall read: "To determine what amount the Church shall be asked to raise by collections for the use of the Board during the ensuing year."

4. In paragraph 113, in lines five and six, strike out the words "of Church Extension," and insert "of Apportionment"; so that the sentence will read: "To divide the same among the several Annual Conferences on the basis fixed by the Board of Apportionment."

Respectfully submitted:

T. S. GARRISON, *Chairman.*

B. F. LIPSCOMB, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

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FRATERNAL ADDRESSES.

A.

ADDRESS OF THE REV. DEWITT C. HUNTINGTON, D.D., OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

(See Journal, pp. 93, 94.)

Beloved Brethren: It is my pleasing duty to bring to you the Christian greetings of the Methodist Episcopal Church. I could wish that the honor of this fraternal mission had fallen upon some one who could have more fittingly and efficiently discharged its responsibilities, but I assure myself that your brotherly kindness will overlook what may be the shortcomings of my message in your regard for the constituency which I represent. And I am happy to assure you that however inadequately I may perform the work assigned me, my honored colleague will be able fully to supply that wherein I may prove deficient.

You were pleased to send to the session of our General Conference, held in Chicago two years ago, the Rev. Dr. Hoss as the official bearer of your fraternal salutations. We were well pleased to receive him for what we knew him to be personally, and not less as a delegate from this body. As a representative you could not have chosen one more strictly loyal to his own Church, and you had no need to seek one who could have been given a more hearty welcome. His stay at the seat of the Conference was the occasion of a most agreeable fellowship, as well as a means of much desired information. His able and comprehensive address was listened to with an unusual degree of interest. It will be long remembered for the weighty matter which it contained, its suggestiveness concerning existing problems, the becoming manner in which passages of Scripture were made to express his own thought, and the graceful ease with which historical facts and incidents were made to frolic in the service of his pungent rhetoric. A resolution expressive of high appreciation passed the Conference at the time, and the thanks of that body are now extended to you.

Adhering somewhat to precedent, I shall lay before you some facts concerning our work and present condition. These facts will, I am sure, be regarded as possessing an interest common to all. Whatever of excellence or success there may be in any branch of the Methodist family belongs to a common Christianity, and specially to a common Methodism. Whatever of defect or unfaithfulness exists in any one must be a cause of concern and humiliation to all. We will not magnify ourselves in your eyes nor seek to conceal our shortcomings. We wish you to know us as we are. If we are numerically the largest

of the Methodist households, we will not use the fact as an occasion of boasting, but rather as reminding us of our enlarged responsibilities, and our greater exposure to the seductive influences of worldly life.

Since the last visit of our fraternal delegates to your General Conference, our work has steadily and markedly advanced in several important lines. Our church accommodations have been greatly enlarged and improved. More than a thousand new church buildings have been erected during the time, not including a larger number which have been built, or rebuilt, to take the places of older and inferior structures. The statement which has been made that we are building two churches for every working day in the year cannot be very wide of the facts in the case. And while the quality of our newer edifices is, as a whole, an improvement upon that of former years, the severe experiences with church debts which many of our societies have passed through have evidently wrought a healthful caution against building at costs beyond the financial ability at command. The last quadrennium has also been a period during which church indebtedness has been liquidated to a greater extent than ever before.

Our Sunday schools have constantly increased in number and have improved in organization and attendance. The total number of scholars now reported is equal to nine-tenths of the entire membership of the Church. Indeed, our new churches are, as a rule, quite as much demanded for the accommodation of our Sunday schools as for the needs of the public congregations. The teaching in these schools varies greatly in its degrees of efficiency. In some localities it is very helpful; in others much less so; we hope improving in all. That improvement in many places is demanded must be admitted; that we have need to make haste in that direction is equally clear. Our Sunday schools are largely filled with children and young people who are in the public schools during the week. They there become familiar with the latest methods of teaching, and it is but truth to say that they do not always find in their Church school that which meets their ideas of competent instruction. The helps furnished by the Church are exceedingly ample, but nothing can take the place of studious, devoted, and wise teachers.

The organization of the young people in our churches and congregations into the Epworth and Junior Leagues continues to be a most remarkable development. The Epworth League is but thirteen years old, the Junior League is still younger, and yet the total membership of these organizations aggregates nearly two million—a number closely approximating that of the entire membership of the Church fifteen years ago. The official organ of the Leagues—*The Epworth Herald*—has reached a circulation of 120,000. This is a larger circulation than that of any other periodical in the denomination, larger even, it is said, than that of any similar paper in the world. Edited

by that master spirit in the leadership of young people, the Rev. Dr. Joseph Berry, it may be said to have well-nigh attained the ideal of a paper for the youth of the Church. In the four-year cycle of study which has been inaugurated in the Epworth League, this is "missionary year." More than three thousand of its members are enrolled for the systematic study of missionary themes. Many have also given their names to the "Christian Stewardship Enrollment," by which they voluntarily pledge themselves to hold all which God gives them in trust for him, and to give to his cause, regularly and directly, not less than one-tenth of their income.

The enthusiasm of this movement does not decline. An average of twelve new charters per week are still issued. League conventions are more largely attended and more efficiently managed than ever before. At the International Conference, held in San Francisco during last summer, the number present was estimated at twenty thousand, and the enthusiasm of the occasion sent its impulses throughout the whole Church. The Leagues now appear to promise a generation of young Christians well taught in the doctrines and trained in the spirit and life of Methodism.

It is well known to you that, in November, 1898, the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church issued an appeal to its members and friends asking that a "thank offering" be made throughout our ecclesiastical borders in recognition and acknowledgment of the mercies of God during the century then about to close. The appeal suggested several leading interests in the work of the Church as those to which these gifts might be profitably devoted, and twenty millions of dollars were named as an appropriate amount for the Church to bring to the treasury of the Lord at such a period in its history. At the time this appeal was published the very thought of raising so large a sum was by many regarded as visionary. It was said that to ask for such an amount would be to receive less than if smaller figures had been named. It is now evident that the amount suggested by the bishops was not too large. Up to the present time more than \$16,000,000 have been given, and as the time for making the offering has been extended to December 31 of the present year, there is but little doubt that the entire twenty millions will be contributed. In one particular the offering has been in a measure disappointing. A larger per cent. of the amount has been devoted to local interests than was at first anticipated, but as the removal of debts upon our schools, the increase of endowment for our colleges and universities, and the payment of mortgages upon our churches have been felt to be pinching necessities, the Church will be better prepared than ever before to carry forward its work abroad, and to increase its support of connectional interests.

You have noted, also, that by a vote of 542 to 94, in the last General Conference, and through the ratifying action of the required number in the Annual Conferences, the Methodist Episcopal Church has at

last a written constitution. The number of particulars in which this formulation of fundamental law differs materially from that which has been treated as the unwritten constitution of the Church is conservatively small. It makes an important change, however, in the relation of a number of provisions which have for years been accepted as of legal authority. It has transferred to the constitution a list of provisions which have been law only by action of the General Conference, and which have stood, of course, subject to a majority vote of any succeeding General Conference. This feature will secure for these enactments the guarantee of greater permanency, as they cannot now be changed excepting by the methods for changing the constitution. Among the new features of the constitution is the transference of the election of delegates to the Lay Electoral Conferences from the Quarterly Conferences to the whole body of lay members in each church. It also provides that, in all proposed constitutional changes, the questions shall be submitted to the Lay Electoral as well as to the Annual Conferences. This establishes equality of governmental functions between ministers and lay members. It is too early at this time to anticipate all the advantages which may arise from the adoption of this carefully devised statement of our fundamental law. It would seem certain that the explicitness of statement which characterizes the document must produce substantial agreement as to what the constitutional law of the Church is, and that it will remove from future General Conferences certain subjects which, in the past, have called for extended debate. Besides, the Church was never satisfied, and never could be satisfied, with the handling of a certain constitutional question in the General Conference of 1888. The organization of that Conference was arrested on the ground that certain persons had been elected as delegates who were not of legal gender. No claim was made that their election was fraudulent, or in itself irregular. No committee on credentials could at all reach the case. The barrier, it was thought, was in the fact that the constitution of the Church restricted the membership of the General Conference to a sex. You will congratulate us, I am sure, upon the fact that this long-drawn-out discussion concerning the legal import of a compound word, which has agitated several General Conferences, as well as all our Church editors, for some years, is by the new constitution forever settled. In place of laymen, we have written lay members, and all is plain.

Until the last session of the General Conference, the length of the pastoral term has been limited by the law of the Church. The question of the removal of this legal limitation has been from time to time agitated, the list of exceptions to the rule has been increased, and under the pressure of the demand for its removal the period of possible pastoral service has been extended from two to three years, and later to five years in ten. In the Episcopal Address of 1900 the opinion was expressed that the lengthened term of five years was working no

advantage to the Church over the two and three year periods. It was also suggested that it might be wise to return to the three-year rule; or to remove the limit altogether. The General Conference acted upon the suggestion by abolishing the rule of limitation, since which time it has been the duty of the bishops to "appoint the preachers to the pastoral charges annually," with no legal restrictions to the number of successive appointments which a preacher may receive to any given charge.

It is too early in its history to pronounce upon what this change may mean to the practical working of our itinerant system. Even those whose official duties require them to be closely observant in the matter of appointments are as yet unable to note any very material effects of the change. Some who have been carefully observant of the facts are of the opinion that a return to the three-year rule would have been a wiser movement. They think they see the flexibility and adjustableness of our system obstructed in the appointments to our larger churches from the want of a rule of limitation. Others detect a restlessness among both ministers and churches which they think has been increased by the removal of the time limit. If, however, theories prove well founded, and if prophecies shall be fulfilled, great good is soon to result from the change. As yet there has not been time for the sweet visions of long and successful pastorates to be realized, and judging from the exceedingly small number of pastors who, up to the present, have remained beyond the period of five years, it will be a long time before the settled pastorate will be common in our Methodism. It is not unlikely that the change has awakened the average church to a greater solicitude as to who and what its pastor shall be, and if it works in the average preacher a corresponding awakening to the fact that he is thrown upon his merits, and that staying qualities are to determine his pastoral relations, the abolition of the time limit must be regarded as a healthful innovation.

In our missionary work we are led to note the evidences of the presence of God, never before in a measure so abounding. The last decade has witnessed an increase of more than a hundred per cent. in the number of communicants gathered in heathen countries. The Church is now embarrassed by the answers to her own prayer and the care of her harvests. Open doors are everywhere, and men and women are waiting to be called into the fields. The problem is that of keeping the Church and ministry up with the movements of Providence. The world has become a neighborhood. Effectually to Christianize the people of any land, we must Christianize all lands.

You have noticed with regret that the General Missionary Committee, at its last meeting, felt compelled to decrease, by a small per cent., the appropriations for the coming year. By the action of the General Conference of 1896 that committee is not allowed to make appropriations which, in the aggregate, exceed the actual receipts of the preceding year. From the fact that the appropriations for the

current year are less than those of the preceding, it has been inferred that the missionary collections were falling off. This, however, is not the case. The total collections from the churches exceeded those of the previous year by nearly \$20,000. It is true that the amounts received in bequests were, during the last year, unusually small. There was also a remnant of debt not included in the appropriations of 1900, but which had, nevertheless, been paid during the year. Unlooked-for conditions in the work in China and Maylasia had called for large sums to meet expenses which could not be put aside. These facts fully explain the small decrease in the last appropriations without supposing that our people are allowing their missionary zeal to abate.

The cause is now developing among us a large and valuable missionary literature. Classes are organized in our schools for the study of subjects pertaining to missionary work; the "Student Volunteer Movement" is increasing in numbers and energy, and the Woman's Missionary Societies are enlarging their plans and realizing constant increase in their successes. Since the last General Conference seven "Field Secretaries" have been added to the missionary forces of the Church, their headquarters being established at points regarded as most favorable for the organization of the whole Church into a Twentieth Century Missionary Movement. We believe the conviction is becoming more and more deeply fixed in the mind of the Church that the gospel is for all peoples, and that the command to preach it in all the world rests with special weight upon the Methodism of the twentieth century.

Our growth, numerically, however, in some of the recent years, has not kept pace with that of earlier decades. For the four years ending December, 1901, there was a total increase in the membership of the Church of nearly 99,000. This gain, above all forms of loss, is large—large enough to demand thankful recognition of the presence of God with us. But since it is little more than an average gain of five to each pastoral charge, it is small enough to call for humiliation and heart-searching. During one of these years the net increase in our membership fell even below the average of the four, a fact which awakened a just concern throughout the whole Church.

Various reasons have been assigned for this slower rate of progress during certain recent years. By some it has been thought that the slackened movement is seeming only, and not real; that our statistics for those years simply reveal the effects of some recent rules which have created a needed reform in the keeping of local church records. Others have suggested that our Conferences and many of our pastors have of late emphasized collections more than conversions, and that the energies of our ministry have been diverted from evangelistic work. Still others have argued that the lengthened pastoral term has served to abate the earnestness of our ministers in securing immediate results, and has led them to substitute "a more leisurely system of pastoral teaching and training."

It may be true that these periods of retarded movement in numerical increase are due in part, at least, to mistakes in method. It has been wisely said that "there are periods of preparation for growth as well as periods of obvious growth." In grace, as in nature, there is seedtime and harvest. Our work must be adapted to both. If our methods are such as are adjusted to the harvest time only, there will be superficial results and interludes of comparative barrenness. The effort to reap an increase without the toil of planting and watering is contrary to nature and to New Testament history. The "protracted meeting," which has been so signally blessed when called in by the awakening Spirit, has largely ceased to be a special means. It has come to be appointed more frequently by the signs of the zodiac than by "the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees." To a great extent it seems to be regarded as the annual revival, and is too often accepted as the one time in the year for seeking the salvation of men. The unconverted themselves, in many cases, appear to accept this view of the situation, and to settle down upon the fact that, since they were not brought in during one meeting, they must wait until the next year's revival shall occur. The evangelistic work of the Church, which should be present through all months of the year, and intone all of its services, thus becomes restricted to a brief period of time, and confined to one place—the church building.

The different results of many of these efforts have led to a style of evangelistic services from which the most thoughtful have recoiled. Men have often been brought in to conduct them who could attract numbers by eccentricities of manner, move them by tactics, and please them by their skill in the savage art of indiscriminate denunciation. We say this not of all evangelists. Many are wise and useful workers. But we do identify a class, already too large, who create mirth instead of conviction of sin, and whose extravagances repel many whom the Church might otherwise hope to save. So far as these conditions exist they will be followed by hardness without and deadness within. If there is or can be any substitute for the personal presence of the gospel minister in the home, the shops, and the waysides, it has evidently not yet been revealed. And it may be incumbent upon us seriously to inquire whether our Methodism in its enlargement, and in the multiplied opportunities which it presents for success both real and fictitious, may not have tempted to its communion, and even to its ministry, some whose thoughts are more upon what they can secure from the Church than upon what they can contribute to its evangelizing forces. This much is certain, that in so far as the spirit of self-sacrifice departs from us, and self-centered life dominates us, our work will decline. Happily the reports at hand for the last twelve months indicate a quickened life in many of our churches; revivals have been numerous, and accessions to membership have been larger than for any one of several preceding years.

Methodism, in common with all branches of the Church militant, is

confronted by evils of gigantic proportions. Foremost among these is the liquor system of the country. Foremost, I say, not only from the number of its victims and its unblushing defiance of restraint, but from the fact that where it does not create, it openly supports, all other vices. Its inspiration is the greed of gain and the spirit of gross self-indulgence. Its work is to develop and sustain appetite as the fascinating, governing, and enslaving power in the manhood of our country. It is thus the perfected antagonism of the kingdom of God. Through it our young men in appalling numbers are lured from home and school and church. An army which our churches seem unable to reach are in the saloons and their accompanying haunts of dissipation. This iniquitous business, in itself so hostile to righteousness, is rendered still more formidable by its toleration and protection under the laws. The manufacturers and dealers say "there is money in it." The government says "there is revenue in it." Both arguments are essentially one, and would justify any other form of iniquity upon condition that it could be made a source of financial profit. Chartered by the laws, in partnership with the government, it has become a power, the nature and magnitude of which menaces all which patriots and Christians hold most dear. Politicians court its favor, juries condone its criminal impudence, and largely the secular press awaits its commands. Sadder still, here and there a professed minister of the gospel becomes its apologist, and the voices of many more which should be the awakening thunder of the prophet die away into the patronizing silence of the priest. However this may look to us, there is a generation not far behind us who will regard this as a chapter in history shocking to the moral sense. No decree of an Egyptian Pharaoh, dooming the boyhood of a whole race to death, was ever so far behind the light of its age as is the license of the liquor system, so common in the United States.

You will ask what is the attitude of the Methodist Episcopal Church toward this hoary-headed abomination. I answer that in the deliverances of our General Conference, and of nearly all our Annual Conferences, we are on record as committed to total abstinence in practice, and as demanding total prohibition of the drink traffic by law. That the traffic "can never be legalized without sin," has for fourteen years at least been accepted as the standard utterance of the Church upon this subject. We have placed in our Discipline a condemnation of the policy of the general government in making the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors a source of public revenue, thus bringing the government into partnership in this destructive business. We have "recorded as our deliberate judgment that no political party has a right to expect, nor ought to receive, the support of Christian men so long as it stands committed to the license policy or refuses to put itself on record in an attitude of open hostility to the saloon." If official utterances were all that is required, nothing more can be asked of us than that which we have already done. No other ecclesiastical

body has taken a more advanced position or been more pronounced in its deliverances. We have to confess, however, that there is an amazing amount of apathy upon this subject among us, and no small degree of inconsistency. Many seem to have little expectation that anything can be effectually accomplished, others dread the contest through which bettered conditions must be reached, and many more subordinate the whole subject to local interests or political relations. As a Church, we are but half living up to our Discipline upon this question. Surely the time is already upon us when the whole personality of Methodism, whatever names it may bear, should wage an unflagging war upon this soul-ruining, church-hating, country-disgracing business—an army of the Lord, disheartened by no obstacles, intimidated by no threats, absorbed by no political combinations. As one great question served to divide us, let this greater question avail to reunite us.

Your honored representative delivered to us a weighty message when he said: "As Methodism believes in a gospel of light, it must be true to the old traditions, and educate. Let the State do what it will, the Church is bound to look after the higher training of her youth. She has some lessons to teach them which the State has no voice to convey, and at whatever cost she must sustain, enlarge, and endow her seats of learning." The increased interest in higher education which is now manifested in the Church is not a new departure; it is a revival of the wisdom and spirit of primitive Methodism. The oldest institution in Methodism is the Christian school. It is three years older than the class meeting, and antedates by some months at least the plan of "field preaching." Not a year passed after the date which Wesley gives as that of his conversion before the Kingswood School was founded. Arminian and Calvinistic Methodism united in its consecration. At the laying of the corner stone, Whitefield, surrounded by a thousand converted colliers, prayed that the gates of hell might never prevail against it.

This zeal for Christian education emigrated to this country when Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury became the leaders in American Methodism. At the Conference at which the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized, these indomitable apostles reported a thousand pounds which they had gathered for the founding of a Methodist college. Our country was a forest strip along the Atlantic coast, Methodists were as poor as they were few, and the people were staggering under the burdens of a long and desperate war, but even then Methodists made it a part of their religion to provide Christian education for their young people.

State institutions are jealously guarded against any recognition of Christianity which might be construed as a recognition of a Church. In schools supported by general taxation this policy is inevitable. The Christian school is untrammelled. It can and must place the Bible and Jesus Christ at the front. Surely the State has no voice to convey

all this. Wesley sought to combine in Methodism that which was so markedly united in himself—the highest mental culture of the time, with a consecration of life which knew no reservations or intermissions. The schools of Methodism were designed to be evangelizing forces as well as seats of learning. Largely their history has justified the design. They have been the places in which doubts have been resolved and revivals have produced the most lasting results. Happily there is an awakened interest among our people in the maintenance of our denominational schools. This is seen in the larger gifts toward their support and endowment, and in the increasing number of students in attendance.

You will perhaps remind me that in recent years there has gone forth from educated circles, and from scholars of high repute, a style of criticism by many regarded as prejudicial to the Christian religion. You will ask me if this “higher criticism,” so called, has not gained access to some of our schools in a degree which threatens their Christian character and influence. So far as our Methodist schools are concerned, I have no hesitation in pronouncing the suspicion without foundation, and I hint at some reasons for this happy assurance.

The last half of the century just closed has been most of all distinguished as a period of intellectual quickening. The revival of learning in Europe which constituted the transition from mediæval to modern history did not at all equal it. The human mind has never before displayed such energy and activity. Inventions have appeared in bewildering numbers, involving amazing practical results. The industrial world has been revolutionized. Science has made discoveries in such rapid succession that text-books have become old on leaving the press. Scientific methods have come to be applied to all subjects, and a critical spirit has taken possession of the age. The theory of evolution, which, as propounded by Mr. Darwin, was applied to one branch of science only, has become the working hypothesis in all lines of investigation. No other announcement of science has ever so profoundly affected human thinking. It has not only reconstructed science, and philosophy, and history; it has materially influenced theology as well. In such bold and determined philosophizing it was certain that questions would be asked which had been long forgotten or had never before been raised. As a result, theological statements have been sifted, creeds venerable with age have been arraigned at the bar of criticism, and interpretations of Scripture have been modified. It is not strange that in this cyclone of intellectual reconstruction the well-worn boast of infidelity should have been heard, the timid made to fear for their faith, and that some should have been swept altogether from their evangelical moorings. So far, however, as Methodism and our Methodist schools are concerned, the number who have lost their Christian faith through the “higher criticism” is exceedingly small. We have little reason to fear that it will ever be-

come large. Some things have been shaken, but only that "those things which cannot be shaken may remain."

Indeed, the Church is already beginning to harvest strength from that of which she has stood in mortal fear. We have come to see that the things which evolution cannot explain are many more than those for which it offers an explanation. As a name for the method of the divine procedure, it is as harmless as it is significant. God is as necessarily implied in a progressive as in an instantaneous creation. Evolution must have both God and creation to start with. Subtract God from evolution and no evolving force remains. The theory of evolution does not in the least account for the fact of evolution. It may make much of "resident forces," but physical forces are only modes of one force. In the last analysis all force is will power. In hands hostile to the Christian religion the theory has been made to say what it never had any power to say. Christian thought has nothing to fear from a self-consistent theory of evolution. When we have found out how God does things, to conclude that because we know how they are done therefore God does not do them, is as weak in logic as it is profane in religion.

The efforts of some "higher critics" to eliminate the miraculous from biblical history has brought out a much-needed emphasis upon the doctrine of the Divine Immanence. We inherited from the eighteenth century deistic conceptions of God. The notion has long lived in the popular mind that, having created the world, God in a sense lives apart from it. The system of nature is conceived as endowed with certain physical forces by which it goes on of itself, the unceasing energy of God not being necessary to its existence and orderly movements. The divine transcendence is made to mean separateness. Natural law is mentally regarded as an entity in itself. The whole phenomena of nature have been ascribed to the power of an almighty something called law. This substitution of so-called secondary causes for the direct and pervasive energy of God has all along challenged the doctrine of Providence and the utility of prayer. It has compelled a definition of miracles which has given to skeptical writers an advantage which they have not been slow to improve. It has put a yoke upon the neck of Christian apologetics, which neither we nor our fathers have been able to bear.

We are indirectly indebted to the new philosophies for the better view which now largely obtains. While never identifying God and nature, we are led to see that he is as actively and as pervasively present in the system of nature now as at any former moment. The physical universe exists by the perpetual goings forth of divine energy. What we call natural laws are but the observed methods of God's working. The old philosophical proverb, "The habits of God are the laws of the world," is both scriptural and scientific. What men call nature is the outspeaking of the Mind Almighty. It is a revelation of Him who is above all. In this line of thought Wesley was, as

in some other things, in advance of his time. "What," he asks, "is nature but God's method of acting in the material world? God acts in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, throughout the whole compass of creation, sustaining all things, without which everything would in an instant sink into its primitive nothing." And well might Carlyle exclaim, "Force, force, everywhere force! Illimitable whirlwind of force which envelops us. Everlasting whirlwind, high as immensity, old as eternity; what is it? It is Almighty God." Here is room for prayer and providence and miracle, without discrediting law or counterworking the order of God. Here nature and miracle are equally the works of God. They differ not in the fact that God is absent from one but present in the other. They differ only in the fact that one is his ordinary and the other his extraordinary method of working. And in so far as our philosophical critics have led us to shake out the deistic elements from our Christian theism, they have given strength to the cause which they seemed to antagonize.

The same is true in practical effect of the criticism which is discussing the dates of the different books of the Bible, questions of composite authorship, degrees of inspiration, and the moral standards of the Old Testament. As might have been expected, the shout has gone up that the Bible has been shredded in the mill of criticism, and that it has been proved to be only some fragments of Old World literature. The fearful, as well as the unbelieving, have joined in this outcry, and that to the detriment of the cause for which they have needlessly trembled. No doubt there are so-called "higher critics" who have sought to make the impression that the Bible was falling to pieces under the blows of their criticism. It is equally true that traditional views upon some biblical questions are not emphasized as strongly as formerly, and that here and there have been instances in which belief has dragged its anchors and gone adrift. These cases, however, are not numerous, nor are they noticeably influential upon our schools or our churches.

On the other hand, students generally among us have been led to distinguish more particularly than ever before between the essential and the nonessential in Christian teaching. They understand that the fact of inspiration is of greater importance than its mode. Whether Moses wrote all the Pentateuch; whether there were two Isaiahs or only one; whether the inspired writers incorporated historical and genealogical material which they found at hand, may be interesting subjects of investigation to biblical critics; but however decided, they in no way determine whether God has revealed himself to man, or man can be saved through Jesus Christ. This criticism has, however, produced a modified view of inspiration. This was needed. Strictly speaking, God inspired men, not books. In the words of your lamented Haygood, "Why should any lover of the Bible contend one moment for a verbal and mechanical inspiration? Had that been necessary, in order to giving man saving truth, God would, we cannot doubt,

have used 'holy men' as mere pen points. In that case, however, holy men would not have been necessary. One man would have done as well as another, if he wrote a good hand." Christian apologetics sorely needed a deeper and higher idea of what constitutes inspiration. A view was demanded which holds fast to the speaking Spirit of God, makes room for the normal activity of human minds, and is in no way embarrassed by the human elements which are involved in the divine communications. Christian belief is made the stronger by the change.

The "higher criticism" has led to a much-needed emphasis upon the historical development of revelation. The Bible is a growth; God made both it and the ages. They run in parallel lines, and are responsive to each other. The race has had a childhood, and God has adapted his teachings to that fact. Until recent years it has been thought necessary to find the same views in the earlier as in the later portions of the Bible. It has been argued that inspiration cannot improve upon itself. We have read the New Testament into the Old, and have thought it essential to show that the moral standards of both are the same. We have feared to admit any imperfection in the moral teachings of the Old Testament, lest we cast a shadow upon the divine authority of revelation.

Hence, problems difficult of solution have constantly arisen, and unfriendly criticism has been swift to take advantage of unsatisfactory explanations. How Abraham could be the father of the faithful and also the father of Hagar's child; how a Hebrew could hold a foreigner as a slave, but could not make an Israelite a bondman; how Jephthah and Jael could have had such a standing with God while doing things abhorrent to New Testament morality; how King David could write such heaven-inspired psalmody and yet interweave such terrific imprecations upon his enemies; and how all this could be squared with the Sermon on the Mount, are questions which have made many a Christian apologist exceedingly fear and quake.

These and a thousand other fancied difficulties disappear in the light of the fact that revelation, like the history of the race, is progressive. The earlier books of the Bible constitute a rudimentary revelation, predicting and leading up to that which is more perfect. When the Bible was small it was made up mainly of commands and prohibitions. It was "the Law" which was given by Moses; it necessarily preceded the fullness of grace and truth which came by Jesus Christ. Abraham lived up to the light of his age and far above it. Jephthah and Jael were in the dark days of Jewish Church history, but they held on to all there was to hold on to—Jehovah, the God of Israel. All Hebrew history, zigzag as it may appear to a superficial reader, led on and up through varying degrees of light to the fullness of the time when God sent forth his Son. The Bible is not a heathen oracle. Inspiration does not come under the law of statics. It is the inbreathing of the

living God. It is thus that the Bible is the book for all ages—the oldest and the youngest book as well.

I think I can assure you that our schools are not being led astray by any so-called higher criticism. On the contrary, we regard them as the bulwarks of our Methodist faith. With John Robinson in his farewell address to the Pilgrim Fathers, our teachers are “persuaded that the Lord has more truth yet to break forth from his holy word.” True to the Wesleyan spirit and example, they will welcome established truth from whatever source it may come, and to whatever legitimate conclusions it may lead, but to improved speculations and destructive criticism they will unitedly say, “Hitherto shalt thou come, and no further; and here shall thy proud boastings be stayed.”

We mention one other change among us, not altogether confined to a recent period, and yet strongly marked in the latest years. Our type of piety is much less demonstrative than formerly. Within easy recollection our religious services generally were, in a way, enlivened by expressions of fervid emotion. Endorsing responses were frequent in the Sabbath congregations; prayer meetings, class meetings, and love feasts were quickened by manifestations of deep religious feeling. An altar service at a camp meeting advertised itself by the shouts which were borne far away upon the evening air. A decided change in this respect has come over us, which is the subject of frequent comment. In the view of some, our people are suppressing the normal expression of their experiences that they may be less like themselves and more like other people. Others fear that we have less of experience to express than formerly. They think that our improved church edifices and our wider recognition as a denomination have worked pride in us, so that we would not shout if we could, and could not honestly shout if we would. They believe that our choirs and organs and societies have somewhat absorbed the heat of our devotions, and that our halleluiahs are lost in the rattle of our church machinery.

I must think that these explanations are based upon a superficial view of the problem. Making due allowance for the fact that there are those among us who have come into the Church, but have not come to Christ, and that others have lost the spiritual life which they once possessed; admitting that, in some of our churches, such a degree of conformity to the world exists that the distinctive Methodist spirit and type are uncongenial, still the explanation is not fully given in these admissions. The change has been too general to be thus accounted for. There have always been many Methodists of an undemonstrative type. Among these were the Wesleys and many of their helpers. Not a few of our most saintly ministers and members have been of serene and noiseless habit. They have evidenced their nearness to God by calm self-sacrifice, rather than by an overflow of religious fervor. Vivid consciousness of God begets in thoughtful minds self-diffidence and hiding of the face. He who sympathizes most deeply with the suffering Saviour will know a joy which is min-

gled with continual heaviness and sorrow of heart for brethren and kinsmen according to the flesh. So far as religious effervescence is the natural result of a particular constitution, it is innocent, but of no importance. It should be passed without either praise or blame. To lament its absence, to attempt to bring it back into the Church as the credential of earnest piety, is as futile as it is unnecessary. The result would be a weak and meaningless mimicry. The deepest joys are always unexpressed, because always inexpressible. It may be incumbent upon us, even seriously, to inquire whether, in our efforts to avoid a cold formality, we have not emphasized the element of religious feeling until we are in danger of developing a superficial and fluctuating piety. To some extent we may be in danger of so emphasizing waves of religious feeling that they are made to date conversions, interpret the witness of the Spirit, and fill out the ideal of completed sanctification. In the intellectual quickening of recent years, movements of every kind have become conspicuously movements of thought. Religious movements are no exceptions to the fact. The age resents mere appeal, and demands reasons. Under this habit of mind a subordination, and even a subsidence in the element of feeling, is sure to become a philosophical result. While holding fast to essentials, we should waste no time in efforts to reproduce bygone types. The lesson of history is plainly written, that nations and churches have most frequently erred in attempting to perpetuate or to revive that which had ceased to be adjusted to the conditions of a present epoch.

In conclusion, let me again assure you that the Methodism which I represent retains an unabated interest in the welfare of all branches of the militant Church, and especially in the condition and prosperity of those which with herself bear the common name of Methodist. We are not unaware of the peculiarities of your wide field, nor have we looked with indifference upon the grave difficulties which you have been called, in recent years, to encounter. Our purpose is unchanged; we would spread scriptural holiness over these lands; indeed, over all lands. We would maintain a covenant, offensive and defensive, with every man, and every body of men, who will join in this holy work. Your honored representative was pleased to call our attention to the fact that the great Methodisms here represented have "a common Methodism," "a common country," "a common history," and "a common destiny." To these significant facts the body sending you this salutation most heartily subscribes, and with their utmost meaning it is in the fullest accord. Closer still, we have a common gospel, and our mission is a joint one to carry it through the whole length and breadth of the Wesleyan parish. Our foes are the same, whether open and avowed or subtle and disguised. We read from the same Bible, we are soon to sing from the same book of hymns, and teach our children the same catechism. We agree in many things; we differ in few. It would seem that the joint heirs to an inheritance so sacred,

fellow-workers under the same system of Christian doctrine, striving for the same goal—a regenerated world—should be drawn into an ever-deepening fellowship of labor and love. I am aware that Christian unity is never a mechanical affair. It is not the theoretical task of building a house large enough to hold us all. It is “the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” I shall not enter upon the discussion of causes or measures. It is sufficient for me to express the conviction that the Methodisms of this country, and especially the two leading divisions of Methodism, have very weighty reasons prayerfully to watch the providential, generously to waive the technical, jealously to guard against the prejudicial, devoutly to cultivate the fraternal, and, in the name of Jesus Christ, trustfully to accept the inevitable.

B.

ADDRESS OF THE HON. JOHN L. BATES, OF THE METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

(See Journal, pp. 93, 94.)

Mr. President, Honored Fathers, and Brethren: When I first entered your large hotel in Dallas, my attention was attracted to a glass case standing in the lobby, within which there were all manner of stuffed birds. Among others there were the dove and the eagle, the oriole and the owl, and in the center of all a large black raven, while on the bottom of the case was a serpent which had found his way even into this Garden of Eden. But that which fixed my attention and caused me astonishment was a placard that hung upon the case, bearing the legend, “Methodist General Conference—Information Bureau.” I was perplexed. The oracle did not speak. In the rear there seemed to be nothing but a billiard room. But since I have attended the sessions of your Conference my perplexity has disappeared, and I recognize that the case is indeed an “information bureau”—a revelation of this General Conference. It tells, brethren, that while you have the harmlessness of the dove, you are possessed of the wisdom of the serpent; that you have the power and the energy of the eagle, and can imitate him at times in his flight; that in your wives and daughters you are the possessors of the sunlight and the loveliness so faintly suggested by the golden oriole; while the black raven in the center of the case now typifies to me the great problem which you ever have with you, and for the best solution of which you have our continued and earnest prayers; and in addition has it suggested, as I have been here and listened to your debates, the raven of Poe’s poem, which, in the shape of the “War Claim,” seems ever above your study door, to be croaking, croaking, “Evermore, Evermore.” May I not venture to express the wish that, before your deliberations are closed, you will stuff that old raven so that he may croak “Nevermore, Nevermore”?

And so I recognize, from what has been revealed by this “informa-

tion bureau," that I am looking into the face of a body of men that is possessed of wisdom, of power, of energy, of devotion to peace, and that is engaged in the solution of far-reaching problems.

To stand in your presence, recognizing, as I do, that you are the highest earthly authority in the discipline, training, and direction of that army of one million and a half—that important division of the Church militant, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South—is a privilege to be highly esteemed. To stand here with my distinguished brother, the Chancellor of the Nebraska Wesleyan University, as a fraternal messenger, bearing the greetings and the tidings of the Methodist Episcopal Church to the General Conference, is to be accorded a meed of honor that far exceeds my deserts. I realize, as never before, the greatness of the cause I here represent, and how inadequate to the duty before me must be any services that I can render.

Dr. Huntington has, with well-chosen words, told you of the good will of our Church, suggested the harmony of our purpose, and described the work that we are doing. To all that he has said, I give my cordial assent. The clergy and laity here, as throughout our organization, labor in the utmost harmony. I should not feel justified in attempting to add to what he has said, were it not for the fact that, however harmonious their relations may be, there is a division between the ministers and the people that makes it possible for me, as representing the latter, to speak for the ordinarily silent ranks, while he speaks for the vociferous captains. I bring you, then, the greetings of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and particularly of the two million nine hundred thousand men and women who never go into the pulpit, but sit in the pews, pay the bills, sing the songs, and fight the battles. Of that vast number I know of none but what, if here, would bear testimony to the universal feeling of good will that our people entertain for you.

We are not here to greet you simply because your name is "Methodist." It is rather because, bearing that name, you have been a mighty force for the saving of the people, and the advancement of the cause of Christ. Upon all that you have accomplished, we congratulate you. Great have been your victories; wonderful your triumphs. We recognize the revelation of the power of the Almighty in your remarkable growth. But if we were here only to congratulate you upon the past, this would be no more than a funeral occasion, which occasions are always depressing, no matter how extreme the eulogy. Therefore, hearty as are our congratulations upon your past, even more hearty are our congratulations upon the boundless future that opens to you. Fully equipped, trained, steady, and true, no man shall be able to stand before you, only, as the Lord spake unto Joshua, so may it be with you, "that the book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night; that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein, for then

thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

But, while speaking for our laymen, let me add that the progress of our Church is not hampered by the existence of any jealousy between the pulpit and the pew. If there are any men in this busy republic who are living unselfish lives, who give freely of their time, strength, and substance for the welfare of their fellow-men, and the advancement of God's kingdom; who toil without hope of adequate compensation, except as it may come in the satisfaction experienced when duty is done, they are the Methodist preachers of this land. I speak not without knowledge. Through boyhood and youth, I was an unimportant factor in the itinerant's home. I know the toils and the sacrifices of the minister, aye, and of the minister's wife, for the cause that he and she hold dear. There may be self-made men, but I have not met them. We are all debtors, in great measure, to heredity, and to environment. I would not swap the cradle of a Methodist parsonage for the cradle of a palace, nor the example of the patience, the sacrifice, the piety of the parents whose lives still bless my days, for the birthright of princes. Most gladly, then, do I, as a layman, in bringing you tidings of the great organization that sent me, pay my tribute to the ministers of that denomination, to whose unswerving fidelity and brilliant services its wonderful success, under the providence of God, is so largely due. May the blessings of heaven rest upon the ministers, and may the churches, in their anxiety to find a preacher that is young, not forget that wisdom is not born, but accumulated; that it is where the furrows of the face are deep, and where the snows of many winters crown the head, that that experience is to be found that reveals the years of study, the walks with God, that fit one to direct others on the road to heaven. Beautiful is the rosy morn, but more beautiful yet the rich painting of the setting sun.

Our Church has lost its most conspicuous layman, the nation's beloved President, William McKinley. Always deeply respected, honored, and loved by those who were near enough to him to know of the greatness of his soul, and of the motives that governed his action, he was, nevertheless, in the administration of the affairs of the nation, subjected to hostile criticism, and even to abuse by those who differed from his policies, and who thoughtlessly refused to accord to him the same sincerity of belief as they expected others to accord to them. But when he, who had swayed Congress by his arguments; had won the American people by his strength of purpose; had commanded armies, declared wars, overthrown kingdoms, crushed tyrants, and lifted up the downtrodden; when he was stricken by foul murder, and the world heard him not reproach, but pray for, his destroyer; when he, on his bed of pain, turned not his thoughts to empires, or principalities, or powers, but tuned his heart to sing the prayer, "Nearer, my God, to thee"; when he met the solemn specter, Death, and shrank not back, but with readiness, pushed aside the splendors of earth, and

whispered the parting message, "God's will, not ours, be done," as he swept through the veil into the eternities—then all men recognized that he had been a Christian, and that in the example of his life there stood revealed an ideal after which men may pattern for all the years to come. Methodism has produced many such men. They are to be found in the humble cottage, on the farm, in the workshop. They know how to live, and they know how to die.

We have been a strenuous Church. In the early days the itinerant lived in the saddle, and we are still on the move. The battle line of yesterday is the camping ground of to-day, and the buglers of Methodism have never learned to sound the retreat. Our strenuousness may have made us aggressive. If there have ever been any boundaries to our territory, we have never been able to discover, as you are well aware, the marking posts. We have acted on the principle of the resolve once passed at a church meeting in Milford, in my state: "Resolved, that the earth belongs to the saints. Resolved, that we are the saints." But we are the allies, and not the rivals, of all who are engaged in similar work.

The agencies that we have employed have been effective. Our Board of Church Extension has, since 1865, aided over twelve thousand churches. Our Board of Education, established in 1866, has assisted eleven thousand students. Our educational institutions have accumulated thirty million dollars' worth of property, and are supplying the needs of forty-six thousand pupils. Our thirty-two thousand Sunday schools, officered and manned by three hundred and forty-six thousand teachers, have two million seven hundred thousand scholars. For a century, on the average, each succeeding year has seen a net increase of twenty-eight thousand three hundred and fifty in our membership. To-day we number three millions. We own one hundred and seventy-five million dollars' worth of property, and it requires more than twenty million dollars each year to meet our current expenses. From the one-half dozen in the sail loft a century and a third ago, to the vast host of to-day, is an expansion without parallel.

We have been strenuous, but we are not content. We dwell not in the past. We live in the present, and many are the reasons which fill our hearts with hope for the future. The rapid growth of the Epworth League, its complete organization, its attraction for the young people, and its efficient work, notwithstanding its occasional assumptions, make it a factor of great strength. It is binding the youth to the Church; it is training him in the performance of Christian duties; it makes his life sweeter and purer. The need of such an agency has been great. Evil in a thousand forms is ever ready to allure and to degrade. You have read in Victor Hugo's "By Order of the King" of the fear in which the Wapentake, the bailiff of the hundred, was held at one dark period in England's history. He was the agent of tyranny. People shuddered when they saw his form,

clad in black, with hood and wig drawn down to his eyebrows, with an iron staff, short and massive, in his hand, as he moved like a specter through the land, arresting those upon whom suspicion had fallen. He who was touched with his staff had no option but to follow. To refuse was to be hanged. No questions could be asked. "Silence" was the injunction. With fear chilling his veins, and hope leaving his heart, the doomed man followed the Wapentake through the city street and country lane, through the clanging doors of great prison walls, along dark corridors, through damp passageways, down dungeon stairs, where reptiles crawled in slime, until the chamber of torture was reached. The liquor traffic is but one of the Wapentakes abroad in this land to-day. It binds with a spell that cannot be broken. It drags its victim down to the chamber of torture, to the dungeons of death. But he who is touched by the Christian wand of the Epworth League is led out into the light. He shakes off fear. He finds that wisdom that is "more precious than rubies"; not death, but "length of days is in her right hand, and in her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those that lay hold upon her, and happy is every one that retaineth her."

The value of missionaries is rising in the world's markets. Nowadays it takes a king's ransom to ransom an humble servant of God, and she is a bargain at that. Those on the picket line of Methodism are fearless, devoted, and successful. A day or two before I left my home in Boston to come upon this errand, there was a strange burial. An old Boston pilot who had spent his life upon the ocean, and had become so attached to it that he made the dying request of his brother pilots that, when he was dead, his body should be burned and his ashes scattered to the four winds of heaven on the surface of the sea. And so, on the 28th of April, a few miles off Boston Light, in Massachusetts Bay, the old pilot boat set her flag at half-mast, the small company on board gathered aft, and a grim pilot scattered the ashes of his departed comrade on the face of the deep, saying, as he did so: "We wish you all the happiness of heaven, Captain Fowler; good luck to you." Then, turning to the westward, he covered his head, and ordered the flag hoisted to full staff again. Deep was the love of the old pilot for the sea, but deeper yet the love of our missionaries for the ocean of humanity. Upon its surface they have cast their bodies, and to it given their lives, and it has not been in vain.

The temper of our people is courageous. When our General Conference in 1900 discovered, notwithstanding the call of our bishops for the salvation of one million souls at the beginning of the century, that the actual rate of increase of our probationers had diminished, no one thought of cutting down the amount of good to be attempted, but boldly did they resolve "that we ask the bishops to appoint a committee of fifteen carefully and prayerfully to consider

and report what, in their judgment, this General Conference can do to help save two million souls."

You have heard from Dr. Huntington of our Twentieth Century Thank Offering. In the generosity of our people, we find great reason for encouragement. Their willingness to consecrate their wealth has been apparent. The time was ripe for this effort—churches were weighted with debt; there were able young men who would be preachers of the word of life, but they lacked the means for preparation; there were educational institutions that but half fulfilled their mission, because of lack of funds; there were Christian missionaries limited in the sphere of their activity, because their resources were limited; there were suffering men turned from our hospitals, because there was not room within. Yet, wealth was accumulating. Men were actually struggling with money. They were growing prematurely old because of the burdens of its care, and their lack of knowledge as to how to spend it well. A wonderful century was drawing to a close. Another, of even greater promise, was about to begin. The American people, fresh from the victories of the Spanish war, were more prosperous than ever before. Our farmers and manufacturers were selling their goods in every market. Our copper belted the globe. Our steel riveted the continent. Our people were employed; their hearts were light and merry, because of progress and of plenty. Our bishops noted these facts. They called attention to them. Their faith led them to make a great request, and the people have justified that by their works. And so, full of hope, with confidence in the godliness and the ability of our leaders, well organized, thoroughly equipped, we face the to-morrows of the twentieth century.

Brethren, we are also here in recognition of the fraternal spirit of the age. The idea of the brotherhood of man has been making progress by leaps and bounds. It was not many generations ago when people lived apart, in ignorance of each other. They never met save in hostility. He who walked by the Blue Sea of Galilee preached the Golden Rule, but nations, in selfishness and greed, and in lust for power, continued to regard all outside of themselves as barbarians, and fit subjects for plunder. Slowly did the doctrine of Christianity awaken the consciences of men. The printing press came, and with it the power to disseminate knowledge of men among men. But its development was slow and its product expensive for many generations. America was discovered, and here Frenchmen and Spaniards and Englishmen fought for the control of the continent, and the shaping of its destinies. It was a wilderness far removed from Europe. Means of communication were slow and expensive. Because of its isolation, it presented the opportunity to men for natural growth. There was no suspicious monarch to hamper and restrain. Here, more nearly than anywhere else, were the conditions such as to permit of the unfettering of the human mind after its six

thousand years of imprisonment under unjust, tyrannical, and ignorant governments. Liberty of thought and of conscience, in the race that settled these shores, developed in generation after generation, gave birth to new ideas of government and of the relation of men, and then came the wonderful inventions which caused the land that was isolated to be joined to the lands across the sea, and made this nation an uplifting factor, by bringing it into contact with the rest of the world. The steam engine was changed from a toy to a giant of labor. Fulton's boat steamed up the Hudson, and then there came the great leviathan of the deep, the floating commonwealth, plying between the hemispheres and carrying the crops of a continent within its steel-ribbed sides. The engine was placed upon wheels, the iron brought forth from the mines and stretched across the continent, and the iron horse, like a shuttle, flies between ocean and ocean. Mankind became a traveler. Morse harnessed the lightning that Franklin had caught, and with it he whispered from Baltimore to Washington, and, almost in a night, the world was wound with the web that carries the message under the sea and over the land, wherever civilized man is found. The telephone came, and the human voice traveled a thousand miles in the fragment of a second to speak in the ear of a brother man. And as the printing press threw out its product, and steamship plowed the deep, and iron horse caused continent to tremble, and men talked with men around the globe, the people thought that barter and trade and commerce were the end. But it was not so. For these developments, and the host of others, have ushered in, in our day, a new era in the world's history more distinct from the centuries that have preceded than was any other era in the march of the ages. Now the time has come when there are no oceans deep enough, no continents broad enough, no mountains high enough, to separate men from each other. Commerce and trade have not only brought men together, but made them dependent on each other. Shall England fight with America? We send her ten million barrels of flour a year. If she fights, she goes hungry. Shall Germany fight with America? In the federation of the steamships she is being bound to us by the strong web of self-interest. The federation of trade is stronger than the political federation, for mutual interests are its foundation. This is a fraternal age from self-interest, from necessity, and from the spread of the Christian civilization. We hear of wars and rumors of wars, but they are becoming unpopular. Swords are growing rusty. Might is giving way to right, and the great dawn is coming when

The war-drum shall throb no longer,
And all the battle-flags be furled
In the parliament of man,
The federation of the world.

If the world has so grown together; if men have become broadened and fraternal because of business interests, how much deeper

must be the fraternity existing between the two great divisions of the Methodist Church as here represented. We may be more definite than you in the term which we require of our probationers, and less definite in the term of our preachers, but these things affect not our creed. We have a common belief, with a common origin, with a common future before us. And however, in the days that have gone, our paths may have separated, we have been these many years again under a common flag, seeking to uplift a common nation; seeking to spread through it the Methodist faith, not in any spirit of bigotry, but in a spirit of love and fellowship for every other sect that is engaged in advancing the fundamental truths of Christianity. For thirty years our messengers have come to you to bring their greetings; for thirty years yours have been gladly received by us, and, year by year, the feeling has developed until, as the result of the action of the General Conferences of these two great organizations, a federation has become possible, and proclaims to the world the unity and sincerity of their purposes. There has been no great advertising of this event in the papers. There being no stock for sale, no underwriting to be done, the captains of industry and the financiers of Wall street have not been interested. But without their assistance the great federation was fairly begun when your General Conference and ours accepted substantially the report of the Commission on Federation and continued that commission for another four years for further suggestions and plans for united effort. When provision is made by our respective Churches looking to the adoption of measures for the joint administration of our publishing interests in China and Japan; when plans are being discussed for co-operation in our foreign missionary work; when steps are taken to prepare a common hymn book, and a common order of public worship; when provision is made to prevent a weakening rivalry in the same localities; and when arrangements are commended for the more easy transfer of preachers from one church to the other; and when both rejoice in the spirit of fraternity that has brought their Epworth Leagues together in International Conferences, then the day of the benefits of a practical union, whether one in name or not, is near at hand—and all these things have we seen within the last quadrennium. We are one in our endeavor to cultivate right principles of living among our citizens, and to serve our country as best we may in the solution of the great problems that confront it. Together, we fight the common enemy of skepticism and unbelief; but as we see how impotent is the work of those who would detract from the glory of the advancing kingdom, we can, with the poet, shout,

Hammer away, ye hostile bands!

Your hammers break, God's anvil stands.

We see the growing strife between capital and labor; we notice the amalgamation of wealth, and the armies of toilers: we recognize that there is danger

In the thrifty turmoil of successful trade,
The war and barter and the ambuscade
Of conquering commerce and of counting-rooms
That build one palace and a hundred tombs.

We deplore methods of warfare that kill all over ten years of age and turn a province into a wilderness, as an unspeakable cruelty, unworthy of civilized man. But in doing this, we do not voice the sentiment of Methodist, or of partisan, but the sentiment of the entire American people, who cannot be condemned for this sporadic manifestation beneath their uniform of a nature savage and entirely foreign to them.

Our nation occupies a different place in the activities of the age from what it did four years ago, when the wreck of the *Maine* became the ghastly coffin of two hundred and fifty American sailors. Then we were apart, our power unknown, our influence little, our mission contracted. But now the giant stands revealed. None dare make war if America interpose her veto. Her strength is the world's greatest assurance of peace. The princes of the earth journey to her shores to pay her honor. The genius of her financiers brings the world a suppliant to her feet, while the inventions of her mind are lifting the burdens from off the backs of the people. "The man with the hoe" is disappearing, for steam has been yoked to the plow, while the American reaper, not of blood and flesh, but of iron and steel, harvests the crops of the world; the American sewing machine makes the world's clothing, and the American typewriter does the world's correspondence. The scepter has indeed passed from the East to the West, and America holds it to-day. To her is given the task of feeding the world, of harmonizing capital and labor, of civilizing benighted races, of launching republics, of keeping the torch of liberty burning, of uplifting humanity.

It is our common country. Lines of division have been effaced. We have grown together. It was your Senator Lamar, of Mississippi, who, strange as it might have seemed a few years before, delivered the eloquent eulogy on the death of our Charles Sumner. "My countrymen," said Sumner, "know one another." North and South have found this true. Our common country! Aye, it was the James Otises, of Massachusetts, and the Christopher Gadsdens, of South Carolina, and the Patrick Henrys, of Virginia, who inspired the contest that gave the nation birth. Her glory is our common heritage, and for all future time Cavalier and Puritan, Huguenot and Pilgrim, shall join hands together. Forth from the great pine forests of Georgia came Henry W. Grady, the matchless orator, the eloquent advocate of the New South, to the old abolition city of Boston, and there did he find a response in all our hearts as in trumpet tones, as though catching an inspiration from the glories of the Celestial City so soon to be revealed to him, he called the nation to the exercise of that broad and perfect loyalty "that loves and trusts Georgia alike with Massachusetts; that knows no South, no North, no East, no

West, but endears with equal and patriotic love every foot of our soil, every state of our Union." And in this spirit I greet you; for

Those opposed eyes,
Which, like the meteors of a troubled heaven,
All of one nature, of one substance bred,
Did lately meet in the intestine shock,
Shall now, in mutual well-beseeming ranks,
March all one way.

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ADDRESS OF THE REV. H. B. PARKS, D.D., OF THE AFRICAN
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

(See Journal, p. 108.)

Revered Leaders and Colaborers in the Vineyard of the Master: It thrills my soul with inexpressible joy and gratitude to our kind heavenly Father to be privileged, in the name of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, to salute you to-day, and to bear to you fraternal and Christian greetings. In the name of Almighty God, and of our common Methodism, we salute you and bear to you the most friendly and Christian love.

We congratulate you upon the splendid achievements attained for humanity in general, and your branch of Methodism in particular, during the quadrennium just closing. No other institution could have overcome the many formidable difficulties with which you have had to contend in building up strong and prosperous societies throughout the domain of your vast territory; in strengthening and enlarging at the same time the sphere of usefulness of your institutions of learning; in increasing your publication of religious literature, and in extending your missionary activities, domestic and foreign, not only into the previously occupied territories, but in following the flag of our glorious republic into the domain of priest-ridden Cuba, and in beginning there, beneath the sunny skies of Maceo and Gomez—in the name of Him who died to make men free—a work for God and humanity that is destined to lift up the swarming millions of Cuba and Porto Rico to the cross of Christianity, except that institution were guided and controlled by Christ the Lord.

We congratulate you upon your daughter of sable hue and the excellent men who have been consecrated as her leaders. She is doing a grand work, one of which Christianity will have occasion to rejoice as the years go and come.

Not only is the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church to be commended for her worthy leaders, faithful preachers, and good works, but also for her institutions of learning, in which the mind of the negro youth is being developed and character strengthened and enlarged, is she worthy of the most favorable consideration of the world.

Possibly no member in this presence to-day is swayed by greater emotion and inspiration than myself. The distance I have had to come, the three hundred and eighty years I have been *en route*, the hot furnaces through which I have passed, the evolutions that have taken place in this magnificent Southland, the "garden spot and paradise of the New World"—all are sources of inspiration and hope to my soul, strengthening my faith in the final triumph of Christ's kingdom on earth.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church that greets you here to-day had its humble beginning in the city of Philadelphia in 1788. Richard Allen felt the force of his responsibility to God, humanity, and himself, and relying implicitly upon the Divine for strength and direction, he began a work which has proved phenomenally successful.

As you understand, in the beginning we had only twelve members, no bishops, and one pastor. To-day we have thirteen bishops, twelve general officers, six thousand three hundred and forty-three traveling preachers, sixteen thousand two hundred and twenty-six local preachers, fifty-eight thousand probationers, and six hundred and eighty-eight thousand three hundred and fifty-four members, with five thousand seven hundred and fifteen churches, valued at \$10,360,131. We have two thousand and seventy-five parsonages, forty-one schools and universities; Sunday-school officers, teachers, and scholars, 430,958. The increase in our membership for the past twenty years is three hundred and eighty-two thousand three hundred and ten; increase in the value of Church property has been seven million four hundred and seventy-five thousand eight hundred and eighty dollars.

We are indeed thankful to God for these blessings. We feel the force of the responsibility upon us to properly husband and develop the work that seems to be ours in this age. We are providing for it in a way that we believe will enable us to attain the best results for God and the race. We are not only being governed by this principle in our work at home, but in all of our fields of foreign missions, which embrace the Leeward West India Islands, West and South Africa.

Our Church has contended for one hundred and fourteen years for the divine principles and the sacred truths contained in the faith once delivered to the saints. In all the conflicts through which she has passed up to this time, she has never once forgotten that the success of her efforts depends entirely upon her faith and obedience to the revealed law of God. This law, hoary though it be, as it comes with steady tread from Sinai's thunder-shaken heights up through the ages of prophecy of Bethlehem's manger, and is reiterated in the Hebrew synagogue and fulfilled upon Golgotha, we have sought with double diligence to burn into the soul and life of our people wherever found.

We have been taught to believe that before we could be Methodists we must be Christians, and that we were only Christians as our lives were in accordance with the word of God. Regeneration and an abiding faith in Christ the Lord as the Redeemer of the world, we have not hesitated with heart and soul to accept. Adoption into the family of Christ, sanctification, justification, and holiness of life, as taught by the illustrious fathers of Methodism, are precious legacies to which African Methodism clings as fondly as do the Methodists of the world to the memory of that great apostle and founder of religious liberty and Methodism, the intrepid John Wesley.

It has been said that "Methodism is Christianity in earnest." African Methodism is no exception to the rule. Our fathers were delighted to give us a Christianity on fire. As sons of a parentage dyed in the wool of a Christian faith that burns with fire and the Holy Ghost, we are not ashamed to enter the campaign of the twentieth century with the enthusiasm and zeal which come only from the effects of the Holy Ghost upon the soul.

We do not believe in any doctrine that will weaken our faith in and love for the precious principles of evangelical fire and holy love, which enabled our fathers and mothers to pour out pæans of praise in joyful song to Almighty God, by which unnumbered thousands have not only been brought to the cross, but have effected an entrance into that rest prepared for the saints.

The twentieth century demands great things of Methodism. With the assurance that Christ is our leader, we can face the problems of any age, however difficult, knowing that victory is ours. Possibly no one thing will be of greater advantage to us in meeting the responsibilities of this age than holding tenaciously to, and faithfully cultivating, the true and unadulterated spirit of evangelization. It is the foundation of Christian power and activity. Without it our endeavors are a failure. It is to the Christian life what food is to the physical man. A half-fed child will produce a physical weakling, a dwarf, a babe. A Christian whose soul is deprived of the necessary food and evangelical fire produces a skeptical weakling or a backslider that must be reclaimed every quarterly meeting.

We need not fear so much the result of denominational differences, the pratings of the nonbeliever, or the egotism of the agnostic, as the effect of lukewarmness in our own household. The apostles preached Christ crucified, the power of God unto salvation unto every one that believed, and enjoined them to receive the Holy Ghost. "It is not by might, but by my Spirit," saith the Lord.

"Christ in us, the hope of eternal glory," must be the shibboleth, the dynamo in this world campaign. Extensive formula and difficult ritualism will not convert the world. We cannot afford to feed our humanity upon dry husks instead of the living bread.

The example of apostolic times by which the twelve humble fisher-

men were enabled under God to revolutionize the face of the social life of the Orient, and to extend the borders of their Master's kingdom from the cross-crowned hills of Jerusalem to the shores of the New World, the illustrious Wesley, Knox, Latimer, and Whitefield and their contemporaries, are living attestations that the gospel of the Son of God is the one panacea for the ills to which the human family is heir. Back of every refining influence and within every revolutionizing force, Christ in God must be the "All in all."

Give the world's starving millions—whose depraved humanity is being destroyed by the devitalizing forces of ungodly greed, questionable monopolies, vicious sensualities, cruel oppression, iniquitous prejudices, unholy ignorance, and the worst of all human foes, drunkenness—the gospel of Jesus Christ, fired with the Holy Ghost, and you will have done much for its salvation.

Methodism is a failure without the "class" room and the prayer meeting, which, alas, we are sorry to say, are not as popular as in former days. These meetings are oases upon the great Christian pilgrimage. They are the ante-rooms of the Celestial City. In the prayer meeting we can watch and wait until we are brought face to face with the King himself. Beware of the subtle forces that would rob our Methodism of these precious landmarks!

If ever there was an age that demanded the forces of Christianity to assert themselves more than any other, it is this twentieth century, this great "age of conquest," invention, materialism, and subjugation. Just now, when the great questions of commerce, industry, intellectual development, and social economy are rushing in upon us like the waves of the mighty deep and demanding a proper adjustment and solution, Christianity cannot afford to do less than to signalize herself with an outlay of Godlike power and marshal all her energies for triumph in this great crusade.

The battle is upon us. It must be fought. No compromise can be made; nothing but unconditional surrender on the part of the hostile forces will be acceptable to our King. Christianity is useful in proportion as it Christianizes, purifies, sanctifies, enlightens, develops, and beautifies life and character.

The leaders of Methodism must unite upon the great questions affecting the life and progress of the age. Denominational differences and all other minor questions must be subordinated to the principle which is paramount to everything else—the salvation of souls.

I stand in your midst to-day a representative of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, declaring to you that we not only bear to you our Christian greetings, but we feel a common interest in you, your labors of love, your sorrows and conflicts as men and brethren, battling to prepare the way for the second coming of our Lord and Master to receive the purchase of his blood. We understand right well that unholy division and unkind feelings one toward the other

cannot have anything other than a pernicious and deteriorating effect upon the Master's cause, which he has intrusted to our hands.

The cause for which you and your fathers labor is as dear to us as it is to you. As servants of God, we must be a unit in demolishing the iniquitous systems and citadels of ungodliness that threaten the perpetuity of our grand republic and besmire the sacred folds of our magnificent escutcheon.

These hydra-headed monsters are sapping the foundations of our Christian institutions and robbing home of its happiness throughout the length and breadth of the nation. In the name of God and the blood of his crucified Son, I appeal to you here to rise in the greatness of your Christian patriotism and strangle to death these insidious foes of godless greed and prejudicial strife that throw the nightmare of shame and disgrace over the fair face of our Christianity.

An enlightened Christianity is the watchword of Methodism and the corner stone of civilization.

Ignorance is a reproach to any people. It is pernicious, debasing, and devitalizing. No race can be strong whose intellectual nature is undeveloped, whose minds are not cultured. In this whirling, dashing age of electricity and actualities, the Christianity that will stand the test must be an enlightened one. Man must know his responsibilities to himself, to his neighbor, and his God, in this, the greatest of all ages. In every century of civilization this rule has obtained. It is a divine one, and through the cycles of time it will remain, compelling the man to know, who would walk and talk with God.

African Methodism appreciates the force of her environment, past and present. She understands right well that her task is to make men.

Michael Angelo never toiled more faithfully with chisel upon his rough marble slab, to carve the inimitable picture that gave him fame and renown, than have the leaders of our Church toiled to evolve men and women out of the dense mass of ignorance and superstition left us thirty-five years ago when Lee and Grant shook hands across the bloody chasm.

Long and tedious has been the fierce contest with ignorance and poverty among our people in this vast Southland, but African Methodism has learned that "eternal vigilance is the price of success"; and as the invincible Demosthenes sat by the rolling waters in the Orient fighting for the mastery of the impediment in his speech, that he might compel the Roman Senate to acknowledge his ability and follow his leadership, our intrepid Daniel A. Payne has led a host of men and women up through vicissitudes of hardship and the hot furnace of self-denial until to-day it gives me pleasure to tell you that we are graduating annually, from forty-one colleges and schools, three hundred and fifty Christian young men and young women for the various walks of life.

We appreciate the stern demand of the age, and as we read the bi-

ographies of illustrious characters of other times, who have forced for themselves recognition by the truly great of the ages, we have become all the more determined to educate the men and women of our race that they may take their places in every walk of life, measuring up to the highest requirements of the day.

It is admitted beyond question that man loves and obeys God in proportion as he is able to see him and read his law in all creation, from an atom to an angel of the celestial world.

We are struggling to make men whose developed minds can see a new beauty in the opening rosebud, the flaming peach blossom, the rustic oak, the hoary strata of the rock, the flashing lightning, the majestic mountain peak, the heaving volcano's breath, the laughing, rippling water brooks, the maddened billows of old ocean, the star-paved vault of the midnight heavens, the azure of the setting sun, the grass-covered lawn—yea, men who can behold in bud and plant, in man and beast, the glory, the wisdom, and the infinite love of Almighty God our Father. Such men and women will give to society lives rich with benedictions of choice blessings.

Methodism, the grandest Protestant organization in the world, is largely indebted to her superb leaders for the success attained thus far. Wesley, Whitefield, Knox, Latimer, Allen, and Payne left their footprints upon the sands of time as precious legacies by which their successors in every age may be guided to victory with perfect safety. Men less worthy and resolute than they cannot lead the Methodist families of to-day. Nothing other than a holy, consecrated, self-denying, progressive, manly intellect can stand in the vanguard of Methodism just now. The demands of the hour call for deliberate leaders, broad-gauged men, who are ready to hear the appeals of outraged humanity wherever uttered—a leadership that recognizes and obeys the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Stop and hear the stentorian voice that comes to us, through the evolutions of the times, commanding the leaders of our Methodism to stand up and out upon the mountain tops of our democratic Methodism, contending for a progressive Christianity as broad as the posterity of Adam and as great as the needs of humanity.

Little men cannot lead the host of God. Oh, give us men, good men, wise men, fearless men, invincible men, the acme of whose ambition is to glorify God and to bring earth's teeming millions to the foot of the cross!

We cannot afford to be contented with the achievements of the past. The world must be brought to Christ. India's millions must see the light, and sing the praise of Messiah's name. China, old, and steeped in the folly of Confucius, must be turned to the glory and beauty of the meek and lowly Jesus; the followers of Buddha and Islam washed in the blood of the Lamb. Africa's unnumbered millions, wrapped in pagan night and superstition, must be permitted to hail the light that made radiant Calvary's hill.

Right reverend sir and brethren, my parting word to you is: Arise, and go forth with renewed vigor to this glorious war. Remember as you go that Jesus is with you. If it were in my power I would burn into your souls to-day this one great truth, that the African Methodist Episcopal Church throughout the length and breadth of our ocean-bound republic, in West India, Hayti, West and South Africa, is with you, heart and soul, in every charge upon the enemy's camp.

Upon your circuits, in your stations, upon your districts, in the fields of trial, at the bedside of the sick, suffering, and dying, six hundred and eighty-eight thousand three hundred and fifty-four humble-hearted African Methodists are with you in prayer and longings for success.

Oh, brethren! we are with you, not for a day nor a month, but until we shall have brought peace out of confusion and light out of darkness. Not until earth's many millions shall have been baptized in the blood of the Lamb, and every wrong shall have been righted, every widow fed, and every orphan clothed; not until all nations shall sing, "Hosannah to our risen King," and every citizen of our ocean-bound republic, from the ice-frozen region of Alaska to the tropic climes and fertile valleys of sunlit Cuba, and from the historic Potomac across the snow-mantled heights of the Sierra Nevadas to the shores of Manila Bay, every man, woman, and child shall join in the glad refrain of the sacred bard,

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
 Let angels prostrate fall:
 Bring forth the royal diadem,
 And crown him Lord of all.

Then, when the millennium shall have come and our fightings and sufferings are o'er,

We will hang up our trumpets in the hall,
 And study war no more.

D.

ADDRESS OF THE REV. RALPH BRECKEN, D.D., OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

(See Journal, pp. 123-125.)

Mr. President, Honored Fathers, and Brethren: Delegated to bring most cordial greetings from a warm-hearted people in the North to a warm-hearted people in the South, my commission would bring me unalloyed bliss were it not for a painful consciousness of inadequacy to the responsibility of the hour.

I have often dreamed of visiting the sunny South; seen visions in fancy of its magnolia groves sleeping in the drowsy air, hushed by the lullaby of the not distant lazily rolling Gulf; and I have wandered in dreams through vistas of fragrant orange blossoms, set in wide orchards of luscious fruits, mellowing beneath Italian skies. Now

here I am let down into the midst of this large and influential gathering, representing the achievements of your beloved Church in this fairy land of song.

My commission has led me to study some of your problems and aspirations, and fraternize with your spirit through the columns of one of your able connectional papers, edited by the much-esteemed brother who brought your greetings to us in ninety-four. I need scarcely tell you that Dr. Coke Smith, your last fraternal delegate, equally with Dr. Hoss, won his way to all our hearts, and did both you and us inestimable service, and left behind him the savor of a sanctified and refined spirit. Only a few brief weeks ago we had the privilege of hearing from your—I was going to say your Ecumenical bishop; but all your bishops are, in a sense, Ecumenical to the thirty millions of Methodists the world over. At a Toronto Monday preachers' meeting upon the close of that memorable students' volunteer missionary convention, Bishop Galloway told us of some of your missionary undertakings in Japan, in China, and in Korea, and how you had grown at home in thirty-six years from four hundred thousand till now you number one million and a half of enrolled members. "Surely this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes."

These considerations lend me heart to speak to you to-day, despite the fact of being a comparative stranger, with nothing to commend me to your confidence except that I am a Methodist preacher commissioned by my Church. It is encouraging to know that the Church I represent is no stranger to you, and the task assigned me is made lighter by the fullness and ability with which her status and her doings have been presented by the much-revered brethren who have preceded me.

Our cause and our people in the Northland have much in common with you. The country is one of magnificent distances, with much land to be occupied and many resources to be developed. You are a decade or two earlier in your exploitations, but we are only just waking up to discover the well-nigh limitless mineral treasures which our heavenly Father stored away in the everlasting hills till the Dominion of Canada attained its majority. Between the hilly provinces of the Atlantic and the lofty slopes of the Pacific lies a vast and rich prairie, where hundreds of millions of the best wheat in the world can be grown; enough to supply Great Britain, and leave abundance for home consumption. It is one of God's laws of compensation in nature that whatever can ripen in the North Temperate Zone matures at its best. No such apples or plums in the world as ripen in the classic land of "Evangeline," in the Annapolis Valley of Old Acadia; no better peaches or pears anywhere than grow in the historic Niagara peninsula of Ontario; and no such wheat in the world as the hard wheat of Manitoba. In that province alone there are 25,000,000 acres of arable land, while, taking in the territories, there are 300,000,000 acres of good ground. Now, considering that

the agricultural and other greater resources of the older provinces are yet young, there opens out a prospect of development and growth of population which, if expressed in figures approximating the probabilities, might seem like romancing. We have resources now in sight to employ and support fifty millions. This means heavy responsibility for all our Christian Churches to keep pace with the demand of national progress. Our presidents in the west call loudly daily for more men.

Some twenty years ago the problem was to overtake the pagan Indians of the great Northwest. These have given us little trouble, because the Christian missionaries planted the leaven of the gospel in their hearts before the land-grabber and the adventurer came along that way. When trouble was fermented, chiefly by bands of pagan Sioux, from over the border, they always took counsel from the missionaries, chief among whom was our own sainted George McDougall, and his worthy son and successor, John McDougall. So they held their confidence in the good faith of our government, and their loyalty to the good Queen-mother. Having been largely Christianized, it is not so difficult now for them to take kindly to education and industry, and become useful citizens. Our industrial schools have proved eminently successful, and we have ninety-one Indian missionaries and other agents laboring west of the St. Lawrence, who reports roundly 5,000 enrolled members of the Church.

Next came the problem of the Chinese and the Japanese on the Pacific coast. That, you know, creates troublesome social and economic questions with which politicians wrestle. We Methodists must wrestle with this difficulty in the spirit of Christ, and, whether they stay permanently or no, prepare them for Christian citizenship by Christian evangelization. This in our measure we are trying to do.

While in thought looking from the heights of the Pacific coast, I am reminded that our purely foreign mission work, like yours, lies directly across those heaving waters. The Macedonian cry that first caught our ears was from Japan, then from China. We look upon Japan as the Anglo-Saxon kingdom of the Orient, destined by native energy to imperialism, and when Christianized, to become the sanctified lever that shall uplift China. The late Pentecostal revival in the missionary centers of that land have brightened the skies with the promise of a speedier consummation than we dared to hope for, but all our Churches must federate, and show an undivided thought and purpose to the heathen mind. In China we are carrying on a most encouraging pioneer work in the large northwest province of Sz Chuan, where our seven missionaries have about as many towns in their charge as they would have pastoral calls to make were they at home.

But our first and greatest work lies at our own door among our own people. Here we touch in closest sympathy. We are next of kin to you. The same blue blood is in our veins; it stirs in the same

warm way; our spirits run in much the same mold, and are aiming at the same ideals. Many of our forefathers, or their brothers, helped pioneer the virgin forests of the Carolinas, or aided to lay the foundations of dominion in sweet Maryland and lovely Virginia. I pray you to forget and to forgive the huge blundering, the arrogance, and the ignorance of the days of maladministration, whose series of measures led to that unhappy quarrel, and justified the war of the rebellion. I pray you also to remember that the quarrel was not the quarrel of the English people so much as of the few who misrepresented them then in court and in government. You know, perhaps, how among others Mr. Wesley championed the cause of the old colonies, and how he protested with all his might to men of reason against the demands of the oligarchy of that day. It is time we both recognized our mutual mistakes and follies, and let the dead past bury its dead. We stand upon the same high land of hope. The old land, mother to us both, has become one of the most democratic of nations. Many of the old forms of feudalism and of the monarchy remain, but the spirit that animates them is the spirit of Oliver Cromwell. A bloodless revolution has gone silently on through the long reaches of the reign of our late beloved Queen Victoria, of fragrant memory.

Meanwhile you, in the providence of God, have been led out into a large place, and have had the responsibilities of a world-power thrust upon you. Compelled by the very laws of life and selfhood, you must now meddle in the affairs of the whole round earth for its ultimate uplift. Face to face with empire problems, you discover how easily the best of motives and methods can be misconstrued, when Anglo-Saxon peoples can sympathize and fraternize as never before; and may God grant that nothing may ever happen again to come between us and brotherhood, or mar our divinely appointed mission.

It is, however, our religious sympathies and ideals that must unite us most closely. Every true Church is essentially a brotherhood, and you know how Mr. Wesley taught us to stand together and love as brethren. Wherever genuine Methodists meet, if it were in traveling to the Pole, they soon recognize each other by some shibboleth, and a lifelong fraternity begins. A thoughtful person cannot but reflect upon the possibilities of an Ecumenical Methodist Council for the conservation of the mutual good will and coöperation of the Anglo-Saxon races whom they represent so largely.

When Mr. Wesley sent out Dr. Coke, in obedience to the inevitable, to organize the Methodist Church of America, there was, properly speaking, no Methodist Church in Canada. A few scattered bands of exiles from the South, and a few Yorkshire and Devonshire Methodists in the maritime provinces, were the nucleus. One of these converted Yorkshiremen was raised up to shepherd and bishop these three provinces by the sea. That remarkable pioneer, William Black,

visited the ever-memorable Christmas Conference, held at Baltimore in the year 1784. He pleaded so eloquently for help that they sent him two of your Maryland men, Garrettson and Cromwell. He pleaded so eloquently that he stirred the spirit of Dr. Coke, and his missionary career virtually began from that day; first in the West Indies, then ended so pathetically in sight of the shores of India itself. You and England both helped at the start, but your men, out of political sympathy, soon returned, and England was too inaccessible at that day to help us much, and so we nearly lost the best twenty-five years of our pioneer work in the Atlantic section.

Westward the star of empire takes its way, and Methodism follows the tread of empire in Canada. Crossing the old province of Quebec, which remains almost solidly French and Roman Catholic, and still looks like a Norman province of France in the days of the Bourbons, you come to Ontario, and then about every third man you meet is a professed Methodist. This result is partially due to faithful itinerants from over the border, sent by your then undivided Methodist Episcopal Church, and who, despite political predilections and many privations, prepared the soil and sowed the seed of harvest yet to be. There is something about Methodist doctrine and polity and methods that suits the spirit of a democratic and progressive age. It seems especially at home where there is a wide horizon, a grand outlook, and a bracing air—salvation for all, salvation to the uttermost—that seems to chord with the newest and wildest lands and settlements. Thus, while, by the blessing of God upon our labors, we are able to outrun the growth rate of population everywhere, our expansion is most rapid in Manitoba and the northwest provinces. While in the entire dominion our average increase during the past decade is only about three per cent. over the increase of population, in Manitoba Methodism has increased seventy-five per cent., and the population sixty-seven per cent.; but in the northwest territories we have increased one hundred and seventy-eight per cent. as compared with the rate of one hundred and thirty-eight per cent. in population.

Figures, I know, are dry, unless one has imagination enough to picture the struggles, trials, tears, prayers, hope, faith, and triumph they represent. Our totals may seem paltry to you, but let me give a few of the most suggestive from those of 1901. There are ministers and probationers, 2,016; Church members, 289,162; local preachers, 2,264; exhorters, 1,125; class leaders, 9,162; churches, 4,334. We enroll roundly 270,000 scholars in our Sunday schools, giving Christian work to 33,000 officers and teachers, and we gather about 71,000 young people into our Epworth Leagues. Compared with population, we do more than our share in caring for the young, while in Ontario we have more Sunday schools than all others together.

We contribute annually, for all purposes, at an average rate of

\$10 per member, and own property to the extent of \$15,500,000. Our book and publishing house in Toronto is the largest similar concern in the dominion, and contributed \$40,000 quadrennially to the Superannuated Ministers' Fund. We have nineteen educational institutions under conferential care; of these ten engage in collegiate work proper for about two thousand youths of both sexes, and thousands of miles stretch between each of our five centers for university work in arts and theology. The faith of our people in the future has been expressed by debts incurred and heroically borne in order to furnish education under religious auspices, or build churches commensurate with the growing demands of communities.

The inauguration of our Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund, at our last General Conference, one of those divinely inspired movements which finds lodgment in more than one consecrated mind when the hour is ripe, has proved a great uplift to our Canadian cause. The first vision of the seers of our Church was a million-dollar fund, to be devoted entirely to new and progressive enterprises, as we crossed the threshold of so momentous an era. The Church's sober second thought left the largest place for thanksgiving by clearing the slate of old debts. The result has been that the General Secretary, Dr. Potts, can report the sum of \$1,200,000, and of this amount \$700,000 is appropriated for lifting debts; while education, missions, and superannuated ministers' funds all benefit.

The reflex action of this twentieth century movement gives, perhaps, the best results. Hands freed from some of the burdens of local demands can help more generously in connectional interests. In fact, an improvement in annual receipts began simultaneously with the centennial movement, and since its completion large sums are in sight for educational advancement, especially at Toronto. Last year our missionary societies together so far exceeded the quarter of a million mark as to give an average of \$1.25 per member, our Woman's Missionary Society having every cent of its income on hand before an item of expenditure is made. This splendid financing is the despair of our General Board. Now the watchword is, "Half a million for missions."

Passing away from figures, to conclude my address, the specter of one item of statistics must furnish food for reflection. It suggests a problem which is not ours only, but that of universal Methodism, namely: What becomes of all our converts? Why are they not more numerous, and why do they not continue? The numbers of those received on trial during any past period show that there is not wanting successful evangelism. Out of nearly 35,000 received in various ways last year, over 20,000 must have been received through special services. Making due allowance for all ordinary losses and for the exactions of our peculiar methods of reckoning, over fifty per cent. disappear in the list of full membership for the following years.

Whence this large leakage? Is it through the fault of our modern methods of evangelization, or for want of proper care in shepherding the lambs of the flock? Methodism, we believe, is the child of Providence. Jesus Christ was its founder, and his Spirit compelled Mr. Wesley to every forward step he took. If Methodism was divinely guided evolution, its methods will work most satisfactorily when no wheel in the mechanism is wanting and no link in the chain is broken. The link between the laity and the ministry is the Quarterly Official Board, organized on the supposition that converts and seekers meet together for prayer, and fellowship, and mutual helpfulness; and that these are led by spiritually-minded persons, and that out of these are trained prayer leaders, and local preachers, and teachers, and stewards, who know that they are children of God, and whose tongue has been loosened to tell the story, and sing the new song. The old-fashioned class meeting may change its form and adapt itself to the times, but we cannot afford to lose the essence of its power and its fellowship. We are finding that out in Canada. And I believe we are finding out the emphatic proof of Mr. Wesley's declaration that the people called Methodists were raised up to spread scriptural holiness throughout the land; and if we cease to do that specifically, we forfeit our chief reason for existence as a separate Church, and are guilty of schism.

Nevertheless, we are filled with bright visions of our present and future. Our gospel is an optimistic philosophy. We say to the pessimists who lament the lost manifestations of the good old times, and who would write Ichabod on pulpit and pew, You do not inquire wisely concerning the former days. Our best answer to those who predict disaster would be the exclamation of the good old lady, when Dr. Dixon was conducting the funeral services at the burial of Dr. Jabez Bunting, and was lamenting the loss of so many leaders in Israel, and prophesying degeneration. The old lady could stand such insinuations no longer, and burst out with, "Bless the Lord, that's a lie!"

We are only just finding our feet after being in the swirls where the eddies from literary criticism and expansion, on the one side, and worldly prosperity and opposition, on the other, have met us and unsteadied our tread for a moment. We are in line again for a firm march and forward movement. Our pulpits are coming back from the timid apologetics and pretty moral essay of a decade ago to a more direct, enthusiastic, and aggressive proclamation of the gospel, and of applied Christianity. Our providential evolution will not be at an end while the world moves. Dr. Chalmers, if he were living, might still say, "We are all at it, and always at it," as "Christianity in earnest" should be. We believe in the Holy Ghost; and when we have tried to obey the great commission of our Risen Head, we know the consolation of the dying Wesley is ours—"The best of all is, God is with us."

E.

ADDRESS OF THE REV. F. LUKE WISEMAN, A.B., OF THE BRITISH WESLEYAN METHODIST CONFERENCE.

(See Journal, pp. 123-125.)

Bishops, Fathers, and Brethren: With us it is considered somewhat bad form to begin an address with a personal apology, but in the present instance I feel that I should be neither loyal to my Conference nor courteous to yourselves if I were to begin otherwise. It would be improper for me to proceed without expressing my sincere regret that the Rev. James Chapman, the fraternal delegate appointed by our last General Conference, is prevented by indisposition from fulfilling the commission he received. He was looking forward with much eagerness to his visit, and in a letter to me refers to his inability to be present here as the greatest disappointment of his life. I regret that our Conference is deprived of the services of one who, from his intimate acquaintance with our Church polity and the problems confronting us to-day, is so well fitted to be its representative, and that this Conference lost the opportunity of making the acquaintance of one with whose comprehensiveness, originality, clearness, eloquent expression, and personal charm you would have been delighted. In his place, the president, necessarily on short notice, directed me to proceed. I consented to do so, and in view of the great opportunities for inspiring and widening the fellowship which a visit to this great country and this mighty Methodist Church brings with it, I think in so doing I proved worthy of my name.

But, in the presence of the serious responsibility which now rests upon me, it seems to me that by consent I forever forfeited the right to such patronymic. However, as the proverb goes, "If you cannot have a silver trumpet, you must put up with a ram's horn." But since my arrival here I have received such universal kindness that I feel I might trust implicitly to the assured sympathy of this Conference.

Well, sir, I bring to you heart messages of good will and affection from your brethren across the sea. If, for a moment, I might venture beyond my commission and speak of the feelings toward you of the English nation in general, however we may be regarded here, there can be no mistake about the regard in which you are held on the other side. Since I arrived, an American lady, whom I presume to be quite courteous, spoke of herself as a "foreigner." I felt that courtesy demanded that I should instantly stop her to say that no American is ever considered by an Englishman as a foreigner. Like Gaul, in the time of Cæsar, the world to-day, to the Englishman, is divided into three parts—the English, Americans, and foreigners.

But I am here to represent the British Wesleyan Conference, and in that capacity can be even less restrained in my language of regard and affection. With strong and ever-increasing interest we watch the development of your Church life, and especially your educational

and evangelical advance. The names of your leading men are familiar to us. The recent Ecumenical Conference in London gave us an opportunity for a closer acquaintance with some of them. In the letter introducing me to this Conference, the president recalls the profound and lasting effect of Bishop Galloway's masterly discourse; and of your other representatives I could say that we admired the vigor, the learning, and the eloquence of their expositions and addresses, their readiness in debate, their power of administration, their natural courtesy and grace, always so charming to an Englishman, however little he himself may exhibit it. We rejoice exceedingly that once again you report so large an increase in Church members, and that the labors of your ministers in foreign fields have been so abundantly blessed; that your educational establishments show such a high degree of effectiveness. For a Church to increase in about fifty years from 500,000 members to over 1,500,000, in addition to starting a Church on its career, and starting them with 126,000 members, is an achievement on which you may well congratulate yourselves. Such advance is, I believe, unparalleled in the history of the Protestant Church, and we thank God for the prosperity thus given to you.

You will be glad to hear that despite the peculiar difficulties and social disabilities incident to nonconformity in England, the Wesleyan Methodist Church is also advancing rapidly. We are now in point of numbers the premier free Church of England. We are this year rejoicing over a larger accession of membership than the Church has witnessed for the last nineteen years. The Church Extension is going on apace, both in replacing old structures by handsome and commodious buildings and in providing for the spiritual needs of the overgrowing population of our large towns. No less than five million pounds' worth of Church property is now being erected. Scattered through nearly all the villages of England are our preaching houses, many of them pieces of architectural skill, others plain and unpretentious; but whether the one or the other, these humble village sanctuaries are the meeting places of the saints, and in many cases the only witness of evangelical truths which the villages possess, and they are really the bulwarks of civil and religious liberty. It is of these village churches that I think when we sing, as in our own country we often do:

These assemblies of His Grace,
Honor of our native place
And bulwark of our land.

Our ordained ministry is nobly supplemented by our great order of lay (or, as we call them, local) preachers. Some of the most prominent members of our Church, men whose ability and worth were by our late gracious sovereign recognized with royal favor—members of parliament, justices of the peace, city and town councilors, members of the learned professions—are to be found in the ranks of this noble order. Without the aid of the local preacher,

Methodism in the rural districts would soon become extinct. It is no uncommon thing for a circuit, with two traveling preachers, to have eighteen to twenty-five places on the plan. It is obvious that the majority of these must be supplied by local preachers; and, as a matter of fact, every Sunday five out of every seven pulpits of Methodism are occupied by these devoted, self-sacrificing men. Our Sunday schools are still maintained in the affections of our people. In most parts of the country the Sunday-school anniversary is the most popular Sunday of the year, witnessing crowded congregations and often phenomenal collections. The recent adult Bible-class movement seems destined to afford an important contribution to the question how to retain the old scholars. Our Wesley Guild, although not yet of many years standing, has become so important that at the last Conference a minister was set apart from circuit work in order to give his whole time to developing that institution.

Did time permit, I should like to have said more than a word about our foreign mission work. The Church, which has its very noble army of workmen in the foreign field, I am sure will be rejoiced to hear of the triumphs of the gospel under the auspices of our society. Must I content myself with simply saying that throughout the connection we are witnessing a revived interest in foreign missionary work? Recent troubles in China and elsewhere have led our people back again to those first principles on which all missionary labor rests, and they have heard anew the marching orders of our Captain, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature"; while, on the other hand, the heroism of the missionary and the fidelity of the native Christians in their great fight have awakened the liveliest admiration of the whole Church, and confirmed their faith in the continued power of the gospel.

But the terms of my commission bid me particularly to refer to the recent great effort of our Church called the Twentieth Century Fund, and to that perhaps still more remarkable development of its activity known as the Forward Movement in our large cities. The two are more closely related than at first sight appears. Both find their origin, necessity, and justification in the clamant call made upon our Churches by the social and religious conditions of the age in which we live. Nothing could be further from the truth than to suppose that the Twentieth Century Fund was simply the happy inspiration of a fertile imagination; that it would be a good way to turn the sentiment associated with the commencement of the century to profitable account. Men do not impose such self-denial upon themselves to gratify sentiment, or yet vanity. For years our Church has felt the necessity for a great advance all along the line. We cannot resist the conviction that we have come to the kingdom for such a time as that through which we are now passing. The practical disappearance of predestinarianism, against which our fathers had so strenuously to fight, bids us use every effort to follow up the victory which they gained. In historical criticism the reestablishment of

the genuineness and authenticity of the books of the New Testament, and especially of the Pauline Epistles, so necessary to Methodism, brought about that very precise historical criticism which at one time threatened to destroy every authority, gives us revived confidence in our use of the Scripture, and especially adds weight to our appeal to its record. Further, the close of the last century has witnessed a remarkable revolution of feeling against merely realistic interpretation of the riddle of existence. The further science pushes its inquiry into the origin and calmly surveys in its examination not only the sources of phenomena in order to get facts which it must analyze and classify, the less inclined is it to destroy the testimony of the Church in its books of inspiration. "In the beginning God," and "God is a Spirit." Moreover, the failure of the substitutes for the divine sanction of morality not merely to help the ordinary advance of our people, but even to preserve the most of our population from moral decline, fills even their advocates with dismay. They obtain the power of losing and eventually imagine they have the keys of the kingdom of heaven. But they have learned to their sorrow that it is one thing to loose, and another thing to bind. They have freed from the old sanctions a people unwilling to be bound by them, but they now find that the new yoke which they substitute for the old, exercises no authority over their conduct whatsoever, for the presence of paganism, I think, recognizes that the system alone is the cause of the eternal state of truth which as well as loosing has the authority to bind, which looses indeed from the burden of the law, but binds the free spirit in a yoke of inviolable love for its Master which cannot only say, "Son, thou art loosed from thine infirmity," but can also as authoritatively add unto it, "Sin no more." And so it comes to pass that just now the opponents of Christianity are looking to us once again to see if we have any gospel for the people. They are not Christians, they do not pretend to be, but there is at the present time a disposition to recognize that much more can be said for the evidences of Christianity than its opponents have been willing to admit. And in the face of the social problems of to-day their attitude is like that of the Jews of old to St. Paul: "If you have anything to say to these people, say on."

Now, sir, such a crisis as this calls for continued action on the part of our Church; and we should be untrue to our traditions, and unworthy the name we bear, were we to falter for a moment in the strongest attack that we can make at this juncture. Our Forward Movement in the large centers of population is our advance claimed. The Twentieth Century Fund is to give us better equipment for an advance all along the line.

Speaking of the last first: Realizing the opportuneness of the time, we determined to make a great effort to raise one million guineas, not for the payment of debt—for happily our Church property is not seriously encumbered, and its indebtedness is easily covered by a year's income from the property—nor for the increase of the endow-

ments, but specifically for aggressive purposes. The idea was that each adherent or friend of Methodism should give or collect one guinea, who should have his name inscribed on an historic roll which would serve as a perpetual memorial of the names of those engaged in this great effort. Of course, more than a guinea might be subscribed, and, indeed, was both expected and forthcoming from those that could afford more; but the unit was put low in order that participation in the effort might be within the power of the humblest of our members. The guinea is our old gold coin, no longer minted, but still used in the province for subscriptions. It is worth £1, 1 shilling—that is to say, \$5.25. It was chosen, possibly, to throw a sort of antique respectability over the home movement, but chiefly because any one who can give £1 would not hesitate to subscribe a guinea, and by raising guineas instead of pounds the extra five per cent. would enable us to pay all the expenses incurred in the effort. We have collected one million pounds in the following way: Three hundred thousand pounds to aid in the erection of great halls in our large towns, chapels, Sunday schools, manses, etc.; two hundred thousand pounds for educational purposes; one hundred thousand pounds for aggressive foreign missionary movements; another one hundred thousand pounds for home missionary developments; fifty thousand pounds for the enlargement of our children's homes, to make provision whereby in the future we shall be able to lift from the state workhouses any child of Methodist parents who might unfortunately have to be brought up there; twenty-five thousand pounds for a great hall and church house in London, to be the rallying point of British Methodism and the home of the Forward Movement and connectional institutions. Amid much enthusiasm and many prayers the scheme was launched, and, it was soon seen, would prove popular. Meetings convened to raise moneys in the various circuits were veritable means of grace, and most gratifying has been the response from the country circuits, and most touching the generosity of the poor. Laboring men earning from five to six dollars a week, with a family of four or five children, have contrived to enter upon the historic roll their names, and that of wife and every member of their household. Poor factory girls, earning miserable pittances, have gone without what would seem to us the necessities of life in order to make their contributions. On the other hand, some of the wealthy have given princely donations. Nothing in the history of modern Methodism has so stirred the attention of the press. The idea that we should ever complete raising one million guineas took their breath away. All through our efforts they have looked on sympathetically, and have aided not a little by their comments. We have had many unexpected calls upon our charity since this fund was started. Funds for the widows and orphans of our soldiers in South Africa were not above the horizon when the Twentieth Century Fund was launched, but our people have risen to the occasion, and notwithstanding all their claims to, and an increased cost of, many of

the commodities of life, such has been their liberality, we have already in bank £860,000 and outstanding, and perhaps we shall have a whole £1,000,000 in bank by the end of the year. I want, also, to say a few words upon our Forward Movement. In all our towns the drift of the population is away from the center to the suburbs, and so it comes to pass that the Church is bereft of its congregation. The neighborhood in which the Church is situated is changed. Formerly there was a feeling that it would be well to get rid of the old chapels in the center, for which, by reason of the enhancement of value of the land for commercial purposes, a goodly sum would be obtained to erect handsome structures in the suburbs, where the people had gone. But in many cases it was seen that while a class of population in the center had declined in number, it had increased—the population had increased. Houses formerly inhabited by one family are now broken up into tenements, and it is not unusual for three or four, or even more, families to occupy them. It was argued, therefore, that the Church of any neighborhood must survive the spiritual interests of that neighborhood with respect to the particular class of congregation that would be gathered to it. The reply was made: "But the people will not come to the chapels. They are not accustomed to going to them, and they are of a different religion." To which was again replied: "We must adapt the structure to the neighborhood in which it is placed, but the inhabitants must not be deprived of the means of grace." Consequently, in Manchester, in Birmingham, and elsewhere, we have taken down the old structure and have replaced it with a large hall with numerous club and class rooms—what I believe you call an institutional church. We thought the day of the little mission hall in the back street, favored by our fathers, was a thing of the past. We want large and attractive buildings that are more suited to modern conditions. We call the places halls instead of chapels, in order that we may show the people that we want to make these places a kind of common meeting ground in which a man does not in any wise commit himself to Christianity. The difficulty lies here. In many of our artisan quarters, if a man enters a house of prayer, he is called by neighbors a Christian, and they expect him to live as a Christian. Now, we are not wishful that he should have to take the profession upon him before he has the power of godliness, and we therefore meet him half way in a noncommittal place. He will go to the hall, as in London they listened to John Wesley in the open air, though they may take the attitude like them, of the Greeks of old, toward St. Paul, "What will this babbler say?" Sometimes their remarks may be even less courteous, save that when once they come it is right to say that the utmost decorum prevails at all services, and the opening of these halls has been everywhere attended with the greatest success. A Lancashire proverb says, "People come where people is." And, strange to say, our difficulty has been, not to get the people in, but to keep them out. We have had simply to take large halls, and even theaters,

where they crowd to hear the word of God. Once there, it is our duty to convince them, and you will be glad to hear that conversions are gloriously frequent. Indeed, there is not a Sunday throughout the year but they take place.

I have not time to-night to speak of all the ramifications for the Forward Movement work, but we strive to meet all the needs of our people, in ministering to their social as well as their religious aspirations. We have weekly gospel temperance concerts on Saturday night, with crowded audiences, club rooms for young men and for factory girls, a labor bureau to employ those temporarily out of work, whereby, with a few hours of work, they can obtain supper and breakfast at our food depots, and lodge at our main shelter. We have boarding houses for factory girls, preventive and rescue homes, and all other agencies which godly ingenuity can suggest for the redemption of fallen humanity. Such work finds great favor among the sympathetic, and although the annual cost of maintaining it is very large, so far, at any rate, money has been forthcoming to meet their increasing needs. Such has been the success of the work in Birmingham that, although the erection of the present central hall was opposed by all the leading ministers and laymen of the city, by almost universal consent it has been determined to erect in its place a large structure three times the size, at a cost of \$300,000. That building we are hoping to open in February next.

The effect of this is being felt throughout the connections. Men say, "If there conversions are so frequent, why not here also? If the preaching of the gospel according to the Methodists in one part, why not in another?" And I believe that we are on the eve of a great revival throughout the land.

It would ill become to boast unduly with reference to our Church, but to me it seems as though the future of the Christian Church lies between sacerdotalism on the one hand and Methodism on the other. The question is, Which is to prevail, sacerdotalism, with its superstition, its impoverishment of the intellect, its final divorce of religion and morality, or Methodism, with its open Bible, its immediate access to the Father, its witness of the Spirit, its endowment with power from on high, its inward sanctification? A great and revered writer has made contrast between the great religious leaders of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, respectively. He describes, or rather travesties, the teaching of John Wesley, and suggests that it has served its day, done its work: "But a strong man is destroying it, and larger, broader, and deeper truths resume their sway, . . . and promised a revived conscience and use of what the lines of the Discipline promised which Christ graciously bequeathed to us." There can be no doubt but that he refers in the last sentence to John Henry Newman; and the question is, Which of the two faiths is to conquer? To which will you commit your children? Hear the faith of each, and it is tendered upon the love as it is enshrined in their hearts, and then let the answer be given:

Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
 Lead thou me on!
 The night is dark, and I am far from home;
 Lead thou me on!
 Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
 The distant scene; one step enough for me.

And now, on the other hand:

Captain of Israel's host, and guide,
 We that seek the land above
 Beneath thy shadow we abide.
 The cloud is thy protecting love;
 Our strength, thy grace; our rule, thy Word:
 Our end, the glory of the Lord.
 By thy unerring Spirit led
 We shall not in the desert stray;
 We shall not full direction need
 While Love, Almighty Love, is near.

There can be no doubt as to which form of faith we are committed to, adjusting our system from time to time to the needs of the age in which we live. We shall, nevertheless, remain true to the fundamental doctrines of Christian experience which have proved their value under such different conditions.

F.

ADDRESS OF BISHOP ISAAC LANE, OF THE COLORED METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

(See Journal, p. 155.)

Dearly Beloved Fathers and Brethren: I come to you bearing the greetings from the bishops, ministers, and members of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, which I am sure you all know a deal about. So I do not come as a stranger from some unknown or uncongenial clime to relate who we are, but from a body of Christians with whom you have affiliated for some time.

Dear fathers and brethren, we greet you all as a great moral force against the powers of sin and darkness, hoping that you are encouraged in this great conflict. We esteem ourselves as coworkers with the Lord, joined with you in working for the same cause and the same Master against this mighty foe. As Methodists, we hold a closer relation to you than any other body of Christians in all this country. We believe in the same Lord, and are of one faith, having the same system of doctrine and one object in view—the glory of God and man's salvation. The motto of the Methodists was, and we trust is, "Follow peace with all men; holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

Again, we congratulate you on the unfaltering gospel you preach, and the full faith your preachers have in the great plan of human redemption and salvation. The full plain, wholesome doctrines are

truly recognized by all unbiased minds that possess the intelligence as a true system of doctrine; and they have given up the dispute on Methodist doctrine and polity.

We, as a Church, appreciate the unique relation we sustain to your great body. We, as well-reared children, delight to look on the greatness of our parent, and when we notice your advancement on all lines of Church work, the more we know of it, the more it is a pleasure to us. Now, brethren, we have a little request to make of you, as our ecclesiastical parent. And that is, wherever, whether in town or city, you are strong and we are striving to house our people, please give us attention, and remember it is your little black child out of doors and asks for help. Next, and not least, we wish this paper read in your hearing and given your most prayerful consideration. Now, in the language of the colored sister who listened to the preacher for an hour and a half, and the preacher when nearly out of breath said, "In conclusion, I leave the text with you"—the sister said, "I thank God you are going to leave something with us. I am glad you left something." So I hope I have left the text.

And now may the God of all grace smile upon you all. Amen.

I thank you.

G.

ADDRESS OF PROFESSOR H. T. KEALING, OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

(See Journal, p. 174.)

Reverend Bishops and Members of the Fourteenth General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South: To be permitted to voice the sentiments of fraternal good will which the African Methodist Episcopal Church entertains for your great body is both a personal pleasure and an official duty which, as lay fraternal delegate, I seek to perform. It is not to be supposed because the address of my colleague, the Rev. H. B. Parks, has preceded this by several days, that the laity of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is usually thus far behind the ministry. My delayed appearance is the result of a serious illness, from which I have just recovered.

At the Ecumenical Conference held in London, England, last September, it was my privilege to hear the remarkable sermon of your Bishop Galloway, which brought us back to the fundamentals of Methodist belief, and to hear the many broad, wise speeches made by your other delegates there. So that I come to this platform still filled with the inspiration which I gained there. I learned then what I should have known in full measure before, that your great Church has an interest in my race in consonance with the Church's belief in "the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man." I had known in a general way that your financial help had been extended to our

race, through the Colored Methodist Church, especially; but it was there revealed to me in warm handshake and cordial tone that your hearts were not contracted to denominational lines in your thoughts of the negro. How strangely and how long we have misunderstood each other!

The strange vicissitudes of the Civil War, emancipation and reconstruction, brought in an element of suspicion on the part of the white man against the black man, and of the black man against the white man, which for many years alienated the two most typical elements of the real American, the Southern white man and the negro.

The natural friendship which has grown up between us, because of common interests, memories, associations, and mutual respect, was suddenly deflected and changed into a fierce rivalry, which ought never to have been and which would never have been had not the mad passions of the war and the guilty machinations of time-serving politicians led us to believe that the welfare of the one race was the ruin of the other: a most unnatural proposition, the sequel of which was encroachments, each upon the sphere of the other. It was then that negro education, which ought never to have passed out of the hands of the South, became, especially in the higher planes, dependent upon Northern philanthropy; and the uncemented breach between the North and the South, naturally, to the mind of Southern whites, gave color of hostility to the aid thus extended by their enemies. This led the negro, on the other hand, to believe his friends were remote and his enemies near at hand. But I devoutly thank God that, in the truer and clearer light of to-day, with the latest statistics and facts of what the South has done for negro education before us, and with the multiplied instances of Christian warmth and good will which have come from the best white people of the South to the deserving negroes thereof, we see that you value the great colorless human soul. This knowledge may be said to have first burst upon us when the great Christian hero of your Church, Bishop Haygood, voiced, in its best form, the real heart of his people toward the negro.

To-day we realize that we are coadjutors, and not rivals. The belief of one is the belief of the other. The conditions of progress for both are the same. The same standards of life belong to us both. We draw inspiration from the same soil. Virtue is virtue, vice is vice, worth is worth, and manliness is manliness for us both, and in exactly the same sense. We know that your good men wish us well, because they are good men.

We can never forget that in a real pressing difficulty, when we needed aid, we flew to the men from whom we had been holding aloof, the men at the old homestead. There was much that was anomalous in the conditions. Prejudice and high regard occupied the same throne and alternately ruled, according as politics and humanity came to the front. We have learned at last, many of us, that in politics the weak man can expect nothing but "benevolent assimila-

tion," unless he is strong enough to stay on the outside of the assimilator. And consequently, the objection of the colored voter to participancy in government has thrown him back upon the school room and home, to acquire that strength and moral worth without which no man of any color can sustain himself. Thus, the first scene in the drama being about closed, the Church comes in with the second, to begin at the foundation and bring men to love God supremely and their neighbors as themselves, establishing, in mutual respect and love, a governmental fabric stronger than tricks or accidental preferment can ever shake or break. It is my belief that the Church—your Church, my Church, every Church—must set the standards which make government imperishable and a blessing. We have not always remembered that civilization is made up of two elements—the moral worth of the individual and the social efficiency of the mass. It is possible to have weak moral units, forming a strong government, such as was true of Rome; or, to have strong moral units, forming a weak government, such as was true of the Jews. Like a beautifully designed and harmoniously colored rug, the material may be of the finest silk or the coarsest jute. So of nations.

Much has been said of what the negro has gained by being brought to America, and perhaps too much cannot be said, but we should not forget that the negro has contributed something to American life, too; such as his great physical endurance; his cheerful nature, rising above every circumstance; his lack of vindictiveness; his love of his white neighbors; his self-respect, as shown in his good opinion of himself; his desire for the respect of others; his love for his country; his acquisitiveness; his deep religious nature; his power of assimilation and adaptability. These form a very real contribution to the sum of American characteristics, and go far to make the sunny South the favored spot of the earth. He is no anarchist, no moper, no plotter, no conspirator. He performed the very difficult feat during the war of hiding the Confederate soldier in his cabin and the Union soldier under it, so that both to-day praise his remarkable fealty to men espousing contradictory ideas; and this without doing violence to his own manhood. The great danger to-day is the threatening proportions of an American commercialism that insists upon a special moral code and rejects the Ten Commandments. This must be conquered by the Church, or it will conquer the nation. In the struggle the negro will be no mean ally in obeying God before mammon. If your great Church will let my great race feel your heart beating warm and full of sympathy and yearnings for our development, it will not matter whether great financial contributions come to us from you or not; but the consciousness of your love will react to our inspiration and make us die by you and for you in the right, so that our

Mind and soul, according well,
Shall make one music as before,
But vaster.

The great, far-sighted General Lee asked that two hundred thousand negroes be armed to fight for the Confederacy, on the promise of freedom. The mind of the South was dizzy and did not accept the suggestion, which would have brought victory to its arms. The North, instead, armed two hundred thousand of them, and won. It was God's will; and I mention this to show that the negro was not actuated by hatred to the South, but rather by a desire for freedom. He would have fought with and for the South had they held out the same prize. Thus we (white and black) have never been at heart enemies, but were estranged by the complicated maze of circumstances and cross-purposes which no statesman was keen-sighted enough to see through.

At last we are clothed and in our right minds. You wish us all the development the freest opportunity can bring us, and we wish you to come to us and, by Christian contact and example, teach us better ways of life. There is much that is wonderful in our progress; but we cannot, unaided by your wisdom and experience, leaven the great lump of ignorance and vice which blackens our river bottoms and crowds our alleys.

We want you to come into our little churches, into our mission schools, and, in the spirit of the Master, say to the corpse of moral death, "Arise, take up thy bed and walk."

A few days ago, in the city of Nashville, Tennessee, at a meeting of colored ministers and students, I heard your learned Drs. Tigert and Du Bose utter words of eloquence, helpfulness, and sympathy, not keyed down to suit negroes, as many brethren do, but addressed to every noble quality and fiber of manhood which takes no note of color, because it is the God part of man. I know that those young people went out from there feeling that those men were Christians and friends, and that they, too, might be full-orbed men.

Last Sunday night, I am told, one of the members of the General Conference went, unsolicited, into one of the colored churches of this city and said that while the whole city was flocking to hear the great bishops and doctors he thought that the Master might have a little work for him to do among his dark children. They were glad and happy to see him, and yet, I am sorry to say, they were somewhat surprised to see him; it was such an unusual thing. Our people would gladly drink in your wisdom and imbibe your strength by having you speak to them from our pulpits. We had not sent invitations to the Committee on Divine Worship, because we did not understand the broad Christian hearts that beat within you. Brethren, remember, when you go to your homes, that the negro needs you, and will welcome every advance you may make to help him.

In Louisville, Kentucky, now, there is a series of Sunday afternoon meetings being addressed by the learned pastors of your and other churches, and the leading professional men, which has done more to tone up the colored young men of that city than any movement ever

set on foot there. Such subjects as "Home Making," by Dr. Lloyd, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; "A Personal God," by Dr. Felix Hill, of Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church, South; "Sowing and Reaping," by Dr. Hoge, of the Presbyterian Church; "Making Oneself," by Dr. Carter Helm Jones, of the Baptist Church, are discussed. The meetings are crowded to overflowing; but the dominant note among us is one of surprise that such men will come to us. Why not do more of that kind of work among us, brethren? There can be no misconception of its purpose, and no one need fear the slightest presumption from such Christian contact.

The fact is, we ourselves are reaching all we can; but there are thousands who never come inside the walls of schoolhouse or church. For these the great American people are largely responsible, because of the laxity of the laws, the numerous saloons and gambling houses, owned or fostered by white men. These characters know that so long as they are guilty of no actual overt criminal acts, they will not be molested; so they go on, corrupting the morals of our boys and girls, before whom they pose on every corner, while we are helpless. Our lewd women are allowed to be indecent and noisy in colored sections of our cities, when in all other cases such women are made to conform to rules of public decency. Brethren, help us to help ourselves. Touch us with your refined presence, and my word for it, there is no money that will equal the value of your example. This is my message to you in behalf of one-seventh of the negroes in this country following as adherents or friends the banner of African Methodism. My people ask your love; they offer you theirs in return. They forget nothing good in the past; they hope for greater good in the future. If you make common cause with us to disperse the ignorance and heathenism here at home, and teach the black boy that he is somebody, and is cared for by those whom he has been taught to regard as good and great, it may be, in the day when right and wrong, sin and righteousness, death and life, hang poised with tense muscle and determined heart upon the brink of the precipice, struggling for the mastery, that this sable son of a common Father, God, shall give the telling stroke which wins a field for God and brings in the thousand years of peace.

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South Georgia Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> W. C. Lovett, W. N. Ainsworth, J. B. McGehee, B. Anthony, J. H. Scruggs. <i>Alternates</i> —T. D. Ellis, Ed F. Cook. <i>Lay:</i> W. B. Stubbs, Isaac Hardeman, J. L. Day, I. A. Bush, M. C. Austin. <i>Alternates</i> —W. A. Covington, V. L. Stanton.....		10
Southwest Missouri Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> W. B. Palmore, C. H. Briggs, A. R. Faris, W. H. Winton. <i>Alternates</i> —W. T. McClure, Z. M. Williams. <i>Lay:</i> Samuel Orr, John A. Rich, Perry S. Rader, H. G. Henley. <i>Alternates</i> —George M. Jones, W. J. Catron, G. T. Taylor		8
St. Louis Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> W. F. McMurry, T. E. Sharp, N. B. Henry. <i>Alternate</i> —W. R. Mays. <i>Lay:</i> J. W. Vaughan, P. E. Genoway, A. R. Byrd. <i>Alternate</i> —D. E. Grogean.....		6
Tennessee Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> W. F. Tillett, J. T. Curry, H. B. Reams, W. R. Lambuth, E. B. Chappell. <i>Alternates</i> —T. A. Kerley, W. J. Collier. <i>Lay:</i> J. W. Irwin, J. D. Pullen, J. H. Kirkland, L. K. Hart, R. P. McClain. <i>Alternates</i> —Jo B. Morgan, J. L. Parkes, E. T. Sweeney.....		10
Texas Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Seth Ward, S. R. Hay, J. W. Downs, E. W. Solomon, J. T. Smith. <i>Alternates</i> —James Kilgore, V. A. Godbey. <i>Lay:</i> T. S. Garrison, Cone Johnson, D. H. Abernathy, H. C. Pritchett, L. L. Jester. <i>Alternates</i> —W. M. Stone, M. D. Fields.		10
Virginia Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Paul Whitehead, James Cannon, Jr., B. F. Lipscomb, J. C. Reed, W. J. Young, Richard T. Wilson, Richard H. Bennett. <i>Alternates</i> —W. G. Starr, J. T. Mastin, J. T. Whitley. <i>Lay:</i> J. W. Grandy, E. G. Moseley, W. W. Smith, John P. Branch, J. E. Hines, R. E. Blackwell, Thomas J. Barham. <i>Alternates</i> —Frank Talbott, Augustus Wright, G. J. Hunt.....		14
West Texas Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. D. Scott, W. J. Johnson, Sterling Fisher. <i>Alternates</i> —J. M. Alexander, J. W. Stovall. <i>Lay:</i> V. M. West, J. E. Pritchett, G. G. Johnson. <i>Alternates</i> —B. D. Orgain, S. D. Seale.....		6
Western Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Albert R. Williams. <i>Alternate</i> —W. H. Comer. <i>Lay:</i> J. B. Starnes. <i>Alternate</i> —J. C. Lovett.....		2
Western North Carolina Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> James Atkins, J. H. Weaver, S. B. Turrentine, G. H. Detwiler, H. M. Blair, J. R. Scroggs. <i>Alternates</i> —J. C. Rowe, R. M. Hoyle H. F. Chreitzberg. <i>Lay:</i> C. H. Ireland, J. S. Martin, J. L. Nelson, W. R. Odell, W. G. Bradshaw, George L. Hackney. <i>Alternates</i> —F. M. Weaver, E. A. Cole, G. W. Hinshaw.....		12
Western Virginia Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Sam Robinson, T. S. Wade. <i>Alternates</i> —W. I. Canter, S. A. Donahoe. <i>Lay:</i> E. B. Hawkins, M. W. Thomas. <i>Alternates</i> —H. G. Armstrong, J. C. Mohle		4
White River Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> W. C. Davidson, Z. T. Bennett. <i>Alternates</i> —Frank Barrett, M. M. Smith. <i>Lay:</i> J. J. Mardis, Ransom Gulley. <i>Alternates</i> —J. R. Metcalf, A. G. Henderson.....		4
Clerical delegates.....		146
Lay delegates.....		146
Total.....		292

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF DELEGATES ELECT.

CLERICAL DELEGATES.

Name.	Conference.	Name.	Conference.
Adams, T. W.....	Mississippi	Detwiler, G. H...W.	North Carolina
Ainsworth, W. N....	South Georgia	Dobbs, Samuel L....	North Alabama
Allen, Beverly P....	North Georgia	Downs, J. W.....	Texas
Allen, Young J.....	China Mission	Du Bose, H. M.....	Mississippi
Alexander, Gross.....	Louisville	Eakes, James H....	North Georgia
Anderson, James A....	Arkansas	Faris, A. R....	Southwest Missouri
Anderson, John A....	Baltimore	Fisher, Sterling.....	West Texas
Andrews, A. L.....	Alabama	Frazer, J. S.....	Alabama
Anthony, B.....	South Georgia	French, J. T.....	New Mexico
Arnold, W. E.....	Kentucky	Glenn, W. F.....	North Georgia
Atkins, James...W.	North Carolina	Godbey, J. E.....	Little Rock
Barcus, John M....	Northwest Texas	Hamill, Henry P.....	Baltimore
Bennett, Richard H....	Virginia	Hammond, John D...N.	North Georgia
Bennett, Z. T.....	White River	Hay, S. R.....	Texas
Bishop, C. M.....	Missouri	Heidt, John W....	North Georgia
Blair, H. M.....	W. North Carolina	Henry, N. B.....	St. Louis
Boaz, H. A.....	Northwest Texas	Hensch, P. H.....	German Mission
Bolton, B. R.....	Northwest Texas	Hilburn, J. P.....	Florida
Boswell, J. W....	North Mississippi	Hill, J. W.....	North Texas
Brewer, Theodore F..	Indian Mission	Howard, H. C.....	North Alabama
Briggs, C. H....	Southwest Missouri	Ivey, T. N.....	North Carolina
Brown, O. E.....	Missouri	Johnson, W. J.....	West Texas
Burrow, James A.....	Holston	Johnston, F. S. H....	Arkansas
Cannon, James, Jr....	Virginia	Kennedy, J. L.....	Brazil Mission
Carlisle, M. L.....	South Carolina	Kenney, John J. N....	Pacific
Carlisle, Willis.....	Missouri	Kern, John A.....	Baltimore
Carter, C. W.....	Louisiana	Kilgo, J. C.....	North Carolina
Chappell, E. B.....	Tennessee	Lagrone, W. S....	North Mississippi
Child, R. A.....	South Carolina	Lamar, A. J.....	Alabama
Clifton, J. A.....	South Carolina	Lamar, Jesse S....	Indian Mission
Cole, J. N.....	North Carolina	Lambuth, W. R.....	Tennessee
Coppedge, C. M....	Indian Mission	Lewis, T. W....	North Mississippi
Cresap, S. P.....	Missouri	Linebaugh, N. L....	Indian Mission
Culver, Frank P....	North Alabama	Lipscomb, B. F.....	Virginia
Curry, J. T.....	Tennessee	Lloyd, W. F.....	Louisville
Daniel, J. W.....	South Carolina	Long, S. D.....	Holston
Davidson, W. C.....	White River	Lovett, W. C.....	South Georgia
Denny, Collins.....	Baltimore	Mahon, R. H.....	Memphis

Name.	Conference.	Name.	Conference.
Mann, E. G. B.....	Kentucky	Sensabaugh, O. F.....	Northwest Texas
Mason, J. M.....	Alabama	Simpson, John D.....	North Alabama
McCausland, C. L.....	Columbia	Sims, William J.....	Indian Mission
McCoy, James H.....	North Alabama	Sipple, B. D.....	Missouri
McGehee, J. B.....	South Georgia	Shangle, H. S.....	East Columbia
McLean, J. H.....	North Texas	Sharp, T. E.....	St. Louis
McMurry, W. F.....	St. Louis	Smith, J. T.....	Texas
Moore, J. E.....	Pacific	Solomon, E. W.....	Texas
Moore, John M.....	North Texas	Stevenson, J. H.....	Memphis
Moore, L. W.....	Florida	Tafolla, Santiago..	Mex. Bor. Mission
Morris, J. L.....	North Texas	Taylor, W. F.....	Kentucky
Morse, J. M.....	Mississippi	Tigert, Jno. J.....	Louisville
Murrah, W. B.....	North Mississippi	Tillett, W. F.....	Tennessee
Murray, J. R.....	Montana	Thomas, F. M.....	Louisville
Nelms, W. L.....	Northwest Texas	Thomas, James.....	Little Rock
Nelson, John R.....	Northwest Texas	Thompson, W. E.....	Memphis
Nixon, T. J.....	Florida	Tucker, R. W.....	Louisiana
Onderdonk, F. S.....	Cen. Mex. Mission	Turrentine, S. B.....	W. North Carolina
Palmore, W. B.....	Southwest Missouri	Wade, T. S.....	Western Virginia
Parker, Fitzgerald Sale..	Louisiana	Wainright, S. H.....	Japan Mission
Pegram, J. D.....	North Carolina	Ward, Seth.....	Texas
Perry, J. W.....	Holston	Ware, T. H.....	Little Rock
Prettyman, Forrest J.....	Baltimore	Waterhouse, R. G.....	Holston
Putnam, J. G.....	Northwest Texas	Watkins, A. F.....	Mississippi
Rankin, G. C.....	North Texas	Watson, E. O.....	South Carolina
Reams, H. B.....	Tennessee	Weaver, J. H.....	W. North Carolina
Reed, J. C.....	Virginia	Westcott, J. W.....	Illinois
Reynolds, L.....	N. W. Mex. Mission	Wheeler, T. S.....	Denver
Richardson, Frank.....	Holston	Whitehead, Paul.....	Virginia
Robins, John B.....	North Georgia	Williams, Albert R.....	Western
Robinson, Sam.....	Western Virginia	Willson, John O.....	South Carolina
Ryland, E. P.....	Los Angeles	Wilson, G. W.....	Memphis
Scott, J. D.....	West Texas	Wilson, Richard T.....	Virginia
Scroggs, J. R.....	W. North Carolina	Winton, W. H.....	Southwest Missouri
Scruggs, J. H.....	South Georgia	Young, W. J.....	Virginia

LAY DELEGATES.

Abernathy, D. H.....	Texas	Banks, T. C.....	North Alabama
Armstrong, Charles M.....	Baltimore	Barham, Thomas J.....	Virginia
Austin, M. C.....	South Georgia	Bass, Sidney.....	North Texas
Bain, George W.....	Kentucky	Bates, George H.....	South Carolina
Bale, John W.....	North Georgia	Bingham, J. R.....	North Mississippi
Ball, W. W.....	Kentucky	Blackwell, R. E.....	Virginia

Name.	Conference.
Blaylock, L.....	North Texas
Bradshaw, W. G. W.....	North Carolina
Branch, John P.....	Virginia
Brown, J. G.....	North Carolina
Bruton, J. F.....	North Carolina
Boswell, W. M.....	Florida
Bowers, E. J.....	Mississippi
Bush, I. A.....	South Georgia
Byrd, A. R.....	St. Louis
Campbell, F. C.....	Mex. Bor. Mission
Cantrell, J. M.....	Holston
Casteel, B. J.....	Missouri
Clements, M. K.....	North Alabama
Cobb, W. L.....	Columbia
Critz, F. A.....	North Mississippi
Day, J. L.....	South Georgia
Dial, R. C.....	North Texas
Ditzler, W. G.....	Indian Mission
Doss, J. M.....	Indian Mission
Duncan, J. T.....	North Georgia
Dungan, W. P.....	Holston
Duty, C. H.....	Kentucky
Enochs, E. A.....	Mississippi
Esquivel, S. I.....	N. W. Mex. Mission
Fishburne, Tipton T.....	Baltimore
Garrison, E. J.....	North Alabama
Garrison, T. S.....	Texas
Genoway, P. E.....	St. Louis
Glover, George B.....	Florida
Glover, J. B.....	Los Angeles
Grandy, J. W.....	Virginia
Grote, F. A.....	German Mission
Gulley, Ransom.....	White River
Hackney, G. L.....	W. North Carolina
Hamel, J. W.....	South Carolina
Hardeman, Isaac.....	South Georgia
Hart, L. K.....	Tennessee
Hawkins, E. B.....	Western Virginia
Henderson, C. C.....	Little Rock
Henley, H. G.....	Southwest Missouri
Hines, P. E.....	Virginia
Hodges, P. A.....	South Carolina
Howard, W. C.....	East Columbia
Huddleston, A. Elias.....	Baltimore
Hughes, M. O.....	Louisville

Name.	Conference.
Hyatt, F. H.....	South Carolina
Hyer, R. S.....	Northwest Texas
Ireland, C. H.....	W. North Carolina
Irwin, J. W.....	Tennessee
Jackson, A. F.....	Louisiana
Jackson, J. W.....	Indian Mission
Jarvis, T. J.....	North Carolina
Jenkins, J. M.....	Arkansas
Jester, L. L.....	Texas
Johnson, Cone.....	Texas
Johnson, G. G.....	West Texas
Kemper, J. W.....	Montana
King, Thomas B.....	Memphis
Kirkland, J. H.....	Tennessee
Knight, J. W.....	Florida
Leaveil, J. A.....	Missouri
Leftwich, G. J.....	North Mississippi
Lindenberg, Henrique.....	Brazil Mission
Little, Lucius P.....	Louisville
Lyell, J. R.....	Missouri
Mardis, J. J.....	White River
Martin, E. W.....	North Georgia
Martin, J. S.....	W. North Carolina
Matsumoto, M.....	Japan Mission
McClain, R. P.....	Tennessee
McCullough, J. A.....	South Carolina
McGehee, H. B.....	Mississippi
McKennon, A. S.....	Indian Mission
McKeown, J. T.....	Northwest Texas
Millsaps, R. W.....	Mississippi
Morales, L. A.....	Central Mex. Mission
Morris, Charles H.....	North Texas
Moseley, E. G.....	Virginia
Napier, George M.....	North Georgia
Nelson, J. L.....	W. North Carolina
Northey, G. V.....	Pacific
Odell, W. R.....	W. North Carolina
Orr, Samuel.....	Southwest Missouri
Page, H. A.....	North Carolina
Pak-lieu, Li.....	China Mission
Parr, J. K.....	Northwest Texas
Peeler, J. T.....	Memphis
Penn, J. W.....	Holston
Pepper, John R.....	Memphis
Post, W. G.....	North Georgia

Name.	Conference.	Name.	Conference.
Pritchett, H. C.....	Texas	Snyder, Henry N....	South Carolina
Pritchett, J. E.....	West Texas	Starns, J. B.....	Western
Proctor, J. M.....	Missouri	Stuart, George R.....	Holston
Pugh, Arthur B.....	Baltimore	Stubbs, W. B.....	South Georgia
Pullen, J. D.....	Tennessee	Sutherland, James.....	Pacific
Rader, Perry S.....	Southwest Missouri	Sweepston, J. E.....	New Mexico
Ramsey, W. K.....	Little Rock	Thomas, M. W....	Western Virginia
Rankin, D. R.....	Indian Mission	Thomson, W. B.....	Louisiana
Ratcliffe, W. C.....	Little Rock	Thurmond, P. C.....	North Texas
Rice, R. E.....	Denver	Vaughan, J. W.....	St. Louis
Rich, John A....	Southwest Missouri	Vick, S. S.....	Illinois
Robertson, J. M....	Northwest Texas	Wadsworth, J. B....	North Alabama
Rollins, Nat G....	Northwest Texas	Walker, John D....	North Georgia
Rowe, N. M.....	North Alabama	Walton, M. Lauck.....	Baltimore
Samford, W. H.....	Alabama	West, V. M.....	West Texas
Saylor, J. W.....	Holston	Wheat, John L.....	Louisville
Scott, B. H.....	Memphis	White, H. H.....	Louisiana
Scott, S. W.....	Northwest Texas	Wilkinson, J. A.....	Alabama
Sessions, A.....	Alabama	Williams, W. E....	Northwest Texas
Simpson, R. O.....	Alabama	Wilson, C. E.....	Arkansas
Shands, G. D....	North Mississippi	Wirgman, H.....	Louisville
Smith, W. W.....	Virginia	Woodson, H. P.....	Missouri

CLERICAL ALTERNATES.

Alderson, E. W.....	North Texas	Cox, T. B....	Central Mexico Mission
Alexander, J. M.....	West Texas	Cox, W. M.....	Alabama
Anderson, John.....	Missouri	Creitzberg, H. F..	W. North Carolina
Anderson, Stonewall.....	Arkansas	Deering, John R.....	Kentucky
Barrett, Frank.....	White River	Dickey, James E....	North Georgia
Bays, H. W.....	South Carolina	Dills, J. H.....	East Columbia
Blake, Eugene.....	Holston	Donahoe, S. A....	Western Virginia
Browder, Robert W.....	Louisville	Dorman, J. W....	North Mississippi
Bruce, J. L.....	Brazil Mission	Duncan, Jerome...	Northwest Texas
Burton, M. L.....	Mississippi	Ellis, T. D.....	South Georgia
Bush, David.....	Baltimore	Few, A. P.....	Little Rock
Campbell, James..	Northwest Texas	Foulks, W. E.....	New Mexico
Canter, W. I.....	Western Virginia	Gibbs, J. T.....	North Carolina
Cofer, M. J.....	North Georgia	Godbey, V. A.....	Texas
Collier, W. J.....	Tennessee	Hawkins, V. O....	North Alabama
Comer, W. H.....	Western	Henry, J. M.....	Louisiana
Cook, Ed F.....	South Georgia	Hill, F. M.....	Kentucky
Cooper, I. W.....	Mississippi	Hodgson, Mark.....	Pacific
Corbin, J. F..N. W.	Mexican Mission	Hosmer, S. M.....	Alabama

Name.	Conference.	Name.	Conference.
Howell, R. P.....	Los Angeles	Price, R. N.....	Holston
Hoyle, R. M....	W. North Carolina	Reed, H. T.....	China Mission
Hutchinson, John S.....	Baltimore	Regester, Eldridge V....	Baltimore
Johnston H. B.....	Memphis	Roberts, C. F.....	Indian Mission
Kerley, T. A.....	Tennessee	Rowe, J. C.....	W. North Carolina
Kilgore, James.....	Texas	Rushing, James T.....	Louisville
Lehmberg, C. A....	German Mission	Scott, T. D.....	Little Rock
Lewis, J. A.....	Denver	Smith, M. M.....	White River
Mastin, J. T.....	Virginia	Snow, James N....	North Georgia
Mays, W. R.....	St. Louis	Stackhouse, R. E....	South Carolina
McClure, W. T....	Southwest Missouri	Starr, W. G.....	Virginia
Meadows, A. J.....	Memphis	Stevenson, J. B.....	Arkansas
Mitchell, J. H....	North Mississippi	Stovall, J. W.....	West Texas
Moore, M. H.....	Missouri	Sullins, D.....	Holston
Morris, John R....	Northwest Texas	Swindell, F. D.....	North Carolina
Moseley, C. B.....	Japan Mission	Tabor, S. B.....	Montana
Mowre, E. H.....	Columbia	Watts, R. J.....	Illinois
Parker, F. N.....	Louisiana	Whitley, J. T.....	Virginia
Pasco, Frederick.....	Florida	Williams, Joseph T..	North Alabama
Patterson, Ira S.....	Florida	Williams, Z. M....	Southwest Missouri
Peterson, J. M.....	North Texas	Winton, G. B....	Mex. Border Mission
Piner, W. K.....	Indian Mission		

LAY ALTERNATES.

Armstrong, H. G..	Western Virginia	Covington, W. A....	South Georgia
Barbee, J. Y.....	Memphis	Crow, A. H.....	East Columbia
Bare, E. Chase.....	Baltimore	Davis, Louis W.....	Baltimore
Barsam, J. H.....	Arkansas	Everett, W. C.....	North Texas
Bass, Charles L....	North Georgia	Fields, M. D.....	Texas
Bell, E. P.....	Louisville	Figueroa, S. G....	Cen. Mex. Mission
Beneke, C. H.....	German Mission	Fraiser, J. H....	North Mississippi
Bonnell, A. E.....	Indian Mission	Greene, J. B.....	Alabama
Bowman, I. W.....	South Carolina	Gregg, B. G.....	South Carolina
Bridgers, J. H.....	North Carolina	Grogean, D. E.....	St. Louis
Campbell, Benjamin.....	Pacific	Hamilton, J. G....	North Mississippi
Carré, W. W.....	Louisiana	Harper, J. H.....	New Mexico
Carter, J. C.....	Florida	Hawkins, A. G.....	Memphis
Carter, J. P.....	Mississippi	Henderson, A. G.....	White River
Cartwright, J. W..	Northwest Texas	Herring, L. H.....	Missouri
Catron, W. J....	Southwest Missouri	Hinde, H. K.....	Missouri
Clark J. B.....	Illinois	Hinemon, J. H.....	Little Rock
Cole, E. A.....	W. North Carolina	Hinshaw, G. W..	W. North Carolina
Collier, Daniel....	North Alabama	Hughes, H. A.....	Los Angeles
Cooper, W. B.....	North Carolina		

Name.	Conference.	Name.	Conference.
Hunt, G. J.....	Virginia	Orgain, B. D.....	West Texas
Jackson, Frank....	North Alabama	Parkes, J. L.....	Tennessee
Jones, G. M....	Southwest Missouri	Peery, J. B.....	Holston
Keen, W. C.....	Louisville	Peters, H. G.....	Holston
Lafluere, Z. B. D.....	Montana	Putnam, W. A....	Northwest Texas
Lamar, George H.....	Baltimore	Riojas, A. C....	Mex. Border Mission
Lark, A. H.....	Arkansas	Robinson, E. R.....	Denver
Leigh, L. B.....	Little Rock	Rylander, W. C....	Northwest Texas
Lovett, J. C.....	Western	Seale, S. D.....	West Texas
MacDonell, A. O.....	Florida	Shannon, J. F.....	North Georgia
Marshall, R. T.....	Kentucky	Stanton, V. L.....	South Georgia
Matthews, J. H.....	North Texas	Stone, W. M.....	Texas
McCutchen, S. B.....	Louisiana	Sweeney, E. T.....	Tennessee
McIntyre, J. S.....	Indian Mission	Talbott, Frank.....	Virginia
Metcalf, J. R.....	White River	Tatum, W. S. F.....	Mississippi
Mohle, J. C.....	Western Virginia	Taylor, G. T....	Southwest Missouri
Morgan, Jo B.....	Tennessee	Travis, J. S.....	North Georgia
Morrison, H. C.....	Kentucky	Vi-hoen, Yang.....	China Mission
Moses, Victor P.....	Columbia	Weaver, F. M....	W. North Carolina
Narro, E....	N. W. Mexican Mission	White, T. A.....	Alabama
Nishimara, S.....	Japan Mission	Wright, Augustus.....	Virginia
Norvell, A. G.....	Mississippi		

Total clerical delegates.....	146
Total clerical alternates.....	81
Total lay delegates.....	146
Total lay alternates.....	82

Grand total.....455

MEMBERS

OF THE

FIFTEENTH GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

Alabama Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> A. J. Lamar, J. S. Frazer, A. L. Andrews, J. M. Mason; W. M. Cox, clerical alternate, <i>vice</i> J. S. Frazer. <i>Lay:</i> W. H. Samford, A. Sessoms, R. O. Simpson, J. A. Wilkinson; J. B. Greene, lay alternate, <i>vice</i> W. H. Samford and A. Sessoms.....	10
Arkansas Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> James A. Anderson, F. S. H. Johnston. <i>Lay:</i> J. M. Jenkins; J. H. Barsam, lay alternate, <i>vice</i> C. E. Wilson.....	4
Baltimore Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Collins Denny, John A. Kern, Forrest J. Prettyman, John A. Anderson, Henry P. Hamill. <i>Lay:</i> Arthur B. Pugh, Tipton T. Fishburne, M. Lauck Walton, Charles M. Armstrong, A. Elias Huddleston; George H. Lamar, lay alternate, <i>vice</i> M. Lauck Walton.....	11
Brazil Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. L. Kennedy.....	1
Central Mexico Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> F. S. Onderdonk. <i>Lay:</i> S. G. Figueroa, lay alternate, <i>vice</i> L. A. Morales.....	2
China Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Young J. Allen.....	1
Columbia Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> C. L. McCausland. <i>Lay:</i> W. L. Cobb	2
Denver Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> T. S. Wheeler. <i>Lay:</i> R. E. Rice....	2
East Columbia Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> H. S. Shangle. <i>Lay:</i> W. C. Howard	2
Florida Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> L. W. Moore, J. P. Hilburn, T. J. Nixon. <i>Lay:</i> George B. Glover, W. M. Boswell, J. W. Knight....	6
German Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> P. H. Hensch. <i>Lay:</i> C. H. Beneke, lay alternate, <i>vice</i> F. A. Grote.....	2
Holston Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> James A. Burrow, R. G. Waterhouse, Frank Richardson, S. D. Long, J. W. Perry. <i>Lay:</i> George R. Stuart, W. P. Dungan, J. W. Saylor, J. W. Penn, J. M. Cantrell.	10
Illinois Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. W. Westcott. <i>Lay:</i> S. S. Vick...	2
Indian Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> William J. Sims, Jesse S. Lamar, Theodore F. Brewer, N. L. Linebaugh, C. M. Coppedge. <i>Lay:</i> J. M. Doss, J. W. Jackson, W. G. Ditzler; J. S. McIntyre, lay alternate, <i>vice</i> D. R. Rankin; A. E. Bonnell, lay alternate, <i>vice</i> A. S. McKennon.....	10

Japan Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> S. H. Wainright; C. B. Moseley, clerical alternate, <i>vice</i> S. H. Wainright. <i>Lay:</i> M. Matsumoto.	3
Kentucky Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> E. G. B. Mann, W. F. Taylor, W. E. Arnold. <i>Lay:</i> W. W. Ball, C. H. Duty.	5
Little Rock Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. E. Godbey, T. H. Ware, James Thomas; A. P. Few, clerical alternate, <i>vice</i> James Thomas. <i>Lay:</i> C. C. Henderson, W. C. Ratcliffe, W. K. Ramsey; L. B. Leigh, lay alternate, <i>vice</i> C. C. Henderson.	8
Los Angeles Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> E. P. Ryland. <i>Lay:</i> J. B. Glover.	2
Louisiana Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Fitzgerald Sale Parker, C. W. Carter, R. W. Tucker; J. M. Henry, clerical alternate, <i>vice</i> R. W. Tucker. <i>Lay:</i> H. H. White, A. F. Jackson; W. W. Carré, lay alternate, <i>vice</i> W. B. Thomson.	7
Louisville Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Jno. J. Tigert, W. F. Lloyd, F. M. Thomas, Gross Alexander. <i>Lay:</i> John L. Wheat, H. Wirgman, Lucius P. Little, M. O. Hughes.	8
Memphis Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> R. H. Mahon, J. H. Stevenson, G. W. Wilson, W. E. Thompson. <i>Lay:</i> John R. Pepper, J. T. Peeler, Thomas B. King, B. H. Scott.	8
Mexican Border Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Santiago Tafolla. <i>Lay:</i> F. D. Campbell.	2
Mississippi Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> A. F. Watkins, H. M. Du Bose, T. W. Adams, J. M. Morse. <i>Lay:</i> R. W. Millsaps, E. J. Bowers; W. S. F. Tatum, lay alternate, <i>vice</i> H. B. McGehee.	7
Missouri Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> C. M. Bishop, Willis Carlisle, O. E. Brown, S. P. Cresap, B. D. Sipple. <i>Lay:</i> B. J. Casteel, J. A. Leavell, H. P. Woodson, J. M. Proctor, J. R. Lyell; L. H. Herring, lay alternate, <i>vice</i> J. M. Proctor.	11
Montana Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. R. Murray. <i>Lay:</i> J. W. Kemper.	2
New Mexico Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. T. French. <i>Lay:</i> J. E. Swepton.	2
North Alabama Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> H. C. Howard, Samuel L. Dobbs, James H. McCoy, John D. Simpson, Frank P. Culver; V. O. Hawkins, clerical alternate, <i>vice</i> Frank P. Culver. <i>Lay:</i> T. C. Banks, N. M. Rowe, M. K. Clements, E. J. Garrison; Daniel Collier, lay alternate, <i>vice</i> J. B. Wadsworth.	11
North Carolina Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. C. Kilgo, T. N. Ivey, J. D. Pegram, J. N. Cole. <i>Lay:</i> J. G. Brown, T. J. Jarvis, H. A. Page, J. F. Bruton.	8
North Georgia Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> W. F. Glenn, James H. Eakes, John D. Hammond, Beverly P. Allen, John W. Heidt, John B. Robins; James N. Snow, clerical alternate, <i>vice</i> W. F. Glenn. <i>Lay:</i> George M. Napier, W. G. Post, John D. Walker, E. W. Martin, J. T. Duncan, John W. Bale; Charles L. Bass, lay alternate, <i>vice</i> W. G. Post.	14

North Mississippi Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> W. B. Murrah, J. W. Boswell, T. W. Lewis, W. S. Lagrone. <i>Lay:</i> J. R. Bingham, G. D. Shands, F. A. Critz, G. J. Leftwich; J. G. Hamilton, lay alternate, <i>vice</i> G. J. Leftwich; J. H. Fraiser, lay alternate, <i>vice</i> G. D. Shands	8
North Texas Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. H. McLean, J. W. Hill, G. C. Rankin, J. L. Morris, John M. Moore; E. W. Alderson, clerical alternate, <i>vice</i> G. C. Rankin. <i>Lay:</i> Charles H. Morris, P. C. Thurmond, L. Blaylock, R. C. Dial, Sidney Bass; W. C. Everett, lay alternate, <i>vice</i> R. C. Dial.....	11
Northwest Mexican Mission Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> L. Reynolds. <i>Lay:</i> S. I. Esquivel.....	2
Northwest Texas Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> John R. Nelson, John M. Barcus, W. L. Nelms, O. F. Sensabaugh, J. G. Putnam, B. R. Bolton, H. A. Boaz; Jerome Duncan, clerical alternate, <i>vice</i> H. A. Boaz. <i>Lay:</i> W. E. Williams, Nat G. Rollins, S. W. Scott, J. T. McKeown, J. M. Robertson, R. S. Hyer, J. K. Parr.....	15
Pacific Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> J. E. Moore, John J. N. Kenney. <i>Lay:</i> G. V. Northey, James Sutherland.....	4
South Carolina Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> E. O. Watson, J. W. Daniel, John O. Willson, M. L. Carlisle, R. A. Child, J. A. Clifton. <i>Lay:</i> J. A. McCullough, Henry N. Snyder, George H. Bates, F. H. Hyatt, J. W. Hamel, P. A. Hodges.....	12
South Georgia Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> W. C. Lovett, W. N. Ainsworth, J. B. McGehee, B. Anthony, J. H. Scruggs. <i>Lay:</i> W. B. Stubbs, Isaac Hardeman, M. C. Austin; W. A. Covington, lay alternate, <i>vice</i> J. L. Day.....	9
Southwest Missouri Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> W. B. Palmore, C. H. Briggs, A. R. Faris, W. H. Winton; Z. M. Williams, clerical alternate, <i>vice</i> A. R. Faris. <i>Lay:</i> Samuel Orr, John A. Rich, Perry S. Rader, H. G. Healey.....	9
St. Louis Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> W. F. McMurry, T. E. Sharp, N. B. Henry. <i>Lay:</i> J. W. Vaughan, P. E. Genoway, A. R. Byrd; D. E. Grogean, lay alternate, <i>vice</i> A. R. Byrd.....	7
Tennessee Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> W. F. Tillett, J. T. Curry, W. B. Reams, W. R. Lambuth, E. B. Chappell. <i>Lay:</i> J. W. Irwin, J. D. Pullen, J. H. Kirkland, L. K. Hart, R. P. McClain; J. L. Parkes, lay alternate, <i>vice</i> L. K. Hart; Jo B. Morgan, lay alternate, <i>vice</i> J. L. Parkes (seated in place of L. K. Hart).....	12
Texas Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Seth Ward, S. R. Hay, J. W. Downs, E. W. Solomon, J. T. Smith; James Kilgore, clerical alternate, <i>vice</i> Seth Ward. <i>Lay:</i> T. S. Garrison, D. H. Abernathy, H. C. Pritchett, L. L. Jester; M. D. Fields, lay alternate, <i>vice</i> L. L. Jester	11
Virginia Conference. — <i>Clerical:</i> Paul Whitehead, James Cannon, Jr., B. F. Lipscomb, J. C. Reed, W. J. Young, Richard T. Wilson.	

Richard H. Bennett. <i>Lay</i> : J. W. Grandy, E. G. Moseley, W. W. Smith, P. E. Hines, R. E. Blackwell, Thomas J. Barham; Frank Talbott, lay alternate, <i>vice</i> John P. Branch.....	14
West Texas Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : J. D. Scott, W. J. Johnson, Sterling Fisher. <i>Lay</i> : V. M. West, J. E. Pritchett, G. G. Johnson....	6
Western Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : Albert R. Williams. <i>Lay</i> : J. B. Starns	2
Western North Carolina Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : James Atkins, J. H. Weaver, S. B. Turrentine, G. H. Detwiler, H. M. Blair, J. R. Scroggs. <i>Lay</i> : C. H. Ireland, J. S. Martin, J. L. Nelson, W. R. Odell, W. G. Bradshaw, George L. Hackney.....	12
Western Virginia Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : Sam Robinson, T. S. Wade. <i>Lay</i> : E. B. Hawkins, M. W. Thomas.....	4
White River Conference. — <i>Clerical</i> : W. C. Davidson, Z. T. Bennett. <i>Lay</i> : J. J. Mardis, Ransom Gulley; A. G. Henderson, lay alternate, <i>vice</i> J. J. Mardis.....	5
Clerical delegates	155
Lay delegates	151
Total	306

RULES OF ORDER

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

RULE 1. The regular hour of meeting shall be 9 A.M., and of adjournment 1 P.M. A majority of those present and voting may extend the session temporarily, but the hour of meeting shall not be changed unless by a vote of two-thirds.

RULE 2. The presiding officer shall cause the session to be opened promptly with divine service; and after reading and approval of the journal, the following shall be the order of business:

(1) Reports of standing committees.

(2) Reports of special committees.

(3) Appeals, memorials, and petitions.

(4) Resolutions. (The call for resolutions shall be made by Conferences.)

No new business shall be introduced after the tenth day, except by a suspension of the rule.

RULE 3. Special committees ordered by the Conference shall be appointed by the bishop presiding at the time. A member may decline to serve on more than one such committee.

RULE 4. When the report of a committee is under discussion, the chairman of that committee, or one of the members selected by the chairman or by the committee, shall have the right to close the discussion, and the call of the previous question shall be subject to that right.

RULE 5. The presiding officer shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference. When such appeal is taken, the person appealing shall be allowed to state the ground of his appeal, and the Chair the ground of his decision. In each case such statement shall not exceed five minutes. Otherwise than this the vote shall be taken without debate.

RULE 6. Every resolution shall be in writing and in duplicate, signed by at least two members; and every substitute or amendment and report of a committee shall be in writing and in duplicate.

RULE 7. All papers designed to go before committees shall be referred to the committee named by the mover, unless objection is made.

RULE 8. All papers proposing changes of the Discipline, whether they be reports of committees or original propositions offered under

Rule 2, or otherwise, shall specify by chapter, paragraph, section, or page the passage to be affected, and also recite the language as it will read when amended.

RULE 9. A report or other paper shall be considered in possession of the Conference when it has been presented and read by the Secretary; but any such paper or resolution may be withdrawn at any time before action thereon by the Conference.

RULE 10. In the disposition of matter before the Conference, the following motions shall have precedence:

- (1) Lie on the table.
- (2) The pending question.
- (3) The previous question.
- (4) Postpone to definite time.
- (5) Commit.
- (6) Amend.
- (7) Substitute.
- (8) Indefinite postponement.
- (9) It shall be in order to offer an amendment to an amendment, and one amendment to a substitute. Should a motion assume this shape, the order of voting shall be as follows:
 - (a) On the amendment to the amendment;
 - (b) On the amendment, thus perfecting the main question;
 - (c) On the amendment to the substitute;
 - (d) On the substitute;
 - (e) On the main question.

RULE 11. Every member desiring to speak shall arise from his seat and respectfully address the President, and shall not be interrupted when speaking unless when called to order by the President, or by a member of the Conference through the President, in which case Rule 5 shall not apply. By permission of the Conference, a member may explain if he claims to be misrepresented.

RULE 12. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than fifteen minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference; nor shall any member speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

RULE 13. No member, unless unavoidably hindered by sickness or otherwise from being present, shall absent himself from the sessions of the Conference without leave.

RULE 14. Every member who is within the bar when a question is put shall vote, unless the Conference excuses him; and no member shall be allowed to vote who is not within the bar when the question is put, unless by leave of the Conference granted in case where he has been necessarily absent.

RULE 15. Whenever a member shall move the "previous question," the Chair shall demand, "Shall the question now be put?" and the vote on such motion shall be taken without debate. If a majority of the members voting sustain the call, the President shall put the question then pending without debate, except as provided in Rule 4.

RULE 16. A motion to reconsider may be made on the day of the vote or the day after, immediately after the reading of the journal, by any member who voted with the majority.

RULE 17. On demand of one-fifth of the members of the General Conference, a recorded vote by yeas and nays shall be taken.

RULE 18. A calendar shall be kept by the Secretary of the reports from committees and of orders of the day, which shall be listed according to the time of their presentation or fixing; and they shall be considered by the Conference in the order of the calendar, unless the Conference by vote of the majority order otherwise.

RULE 19. A motion to adjourn made by a member entitled to the floor shall always be in order, and shall be taken without debate.

RULE 20. No proposition to change the Discipline shall be considered until it has been at least one day in the possession of the Conference.

RULE 21. These rules shall not be changed or suspended except by a majority of two-thirds of all the members present and voting.

BISHOPS' ADDRESS.

*Read Before the General Conference at its First Session, Thursday
Morning, May 3, 1906.*

DEAR BRETHREN: We cordially greet you, the chosen representatives of the Annual Conferences and our fellow-workers in the kingdom of God, in the name of our common Lord, and earnestly invoke the divine blessing upon your great quadrennial gathering. May you be preserved in health amid the exacting and responsible labors of the session, and be amply indued with that wisdom which cometh from above, for all your varied and important duties! Assembling under circumstances so gracious, and in a time so propitious, and with responsibilities so momentous, we devoutly pray that the great Head of the Church may grant you "the spirit of power, of love, and of a sound mind." "And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things" that will make for the continued peace and larger prosperity of our beloved Zion. But as there can be no outpouring of the Spirit without a previous outpouring of souls to God, our prayer is that this General Conference may wait on the Lord for the manifestation of the Holy Ghost.

In all suggested modifications of our wonderful system we are sure you will exercise wise and prudent reserve. To meet the pressing needs and inevitable changes of the growing years, there must, from time to time, be readjustment of our ecclesiastical polity. We will not hold to a theory because it is old or continue a statute simply as a tribute of respect to the fathers. Efficiency is the test of value and the tenure of service. On the other hand, we will not, without wise caution and most patient consideration, radically modify a system of government that has contributed so marvelously to the almost unexampled success of a century and more. Not every change is a reform, and all modifications are not improvements.

We rejoice with you and "give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" for the manifold tokens of favor vouchsafed to the Church during the past four years, and for the large measure of success which has attended the labors of faithful brethren throughout our widely extended Israel. There has been substantial and gratifying progress in every well-organized department of our connectional service. Revivals have been gracious and widespread, attesting the old-time power of the gospel and the witnessing presence of the Holy Ghost. In many places we have seen "the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God." There have been signal victories all along our far-flung battle line. In the home land and in the distant fields a cloud of glory has hovered over our heroic legions. God has moved in a mighty and mysterious way. While results have not equaled our highest hopes and

well-meant efforts, we have every reason for devout thanksgiving and renewed consecration. History is a mighty support to faith. Memory is an inspiration to spiritual courage. We may have looked forward with fear; we turn our eyes backward in perfect confidence. And when hope has found its fruition—when faith has suffered no disappointment—when Providence has been vindicated by the story of years—we enter upon a new quadrennium with steadier step and firmer trust and higher courage.

The last four years have been happily free from any disturbing or exciting questions of connectional administration. No great issue has occasioned heated discussion or sharp division or factional separation. We have had peace in all our Zion. Unity and harmony have prevailed throughout the entire connection. And we have possibly never known a period of more harmonious coöperation or ceaseless activity or aggressive enterprise.

The statistical returns are altogether encouraging. The increase of members during the past four years was 109,427, as against only 38,085 during the preceding quadrennium. We have now 1,614,648 members, 1,039,785 Sunday-school scholars, and 120,487 Epworth League members. The receipts of our Board for Foreign Missions for this quadrennium were \$1,659,941, an increase over the preceding four years of \$645,673. The collections for Church Extension were \$372,649.30, an increase of \$112,833.68 over the quadrennium ending in 1902. During the past year the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society received \$155,909 and the Woman's Home Mission Society \$101,728. If these amounts be added to the receipts by the General and Annual Conference Boards, we have a sum total for home and foreign missions during the year now closing of \$955,779.

DECREASING SUPPLY OF MINISTERS.

But while deeply grateful for so many tokens of divine favor, and cheered by the gracious results of a really great quadrennium, some things give us grave concern, and call for importunate prayer. First of all, we lament, with anxious fear, our decreasing supply of ministers. All the evangelical Churches are feeling a measure of alarm. New fields are opening and new demands for ministerial service are multiplying, but the laborers are few, and comparatively decreasing. All the Annual Conferences are in need of more and better-qualified men. On every devout lip is the earnest question, "What is the matter?" Has the Church so dishonored herself as the Bride of Christ that she has lost power to bear and train prophets for the Lord? And this comes not alone from constitutional prophets of woe. It is the burden of sincere souls, loyal to Christ and the Church, and who are, by nature and grace, ardent and enlightened optimists.

Various theories have been suggested in order to account for this meager response to the Lord of the harvest. Doubtless the answer is, a decline in the spiritual tone of our family life. It is much to be feared that a subtle, alluring, materialistic spirit is affecting our homes and

diverting the thoughts of our sons from the simple life and the blessed privilege of preaching the glorious gospel. The meager stipends of preachers, while other professions offer such large rewards, intimidate the faith of some who may have heard the call of duty.

Our appeal to the ministry is, that we make up for any lack of laborers by extraordinary diligence and singular consecration to our high calling. The conviction deepens with us that a revived ministry is the need of the times; a ministry rejoicing in a conscious salvation, walking and talking with a living Christ, whose glowing and growing experiences accord with the blessed doctrines of revelation. We must know God if we would make God known. Let us preach a known and a felt Christ. And any man may well fear that he has lost the call to preach if he has lost the power to convert.

In many Churches of the East there is in the pulpit a crucifix, in full view of the officiating priest, and the figure of a dove with outstretched wings on the canopy just above his head. The idea was, that every minister who stood up as a teacher of righteousness should have the crucified Lord before his eyes, and the Holy Spirit hovering over him to inspire his words and kindle his ardor. What they have in image may we have in fact, the uplifted cross for the expiation of all sin and the informing and indwelling Spirit to inflame our desires!

LOCAL PREACHERS.

We also call to your serious attention the ominous and rapid decline in the number of local preachers. Whatever the cause or causes, this once potential ally of the pastorate is decreasing every day. In the early days of American Methodism local preachers were the "right arm" of the itinerant ministry, and without doubt made the marvelous triumphs of the Church a glorious possibility. It may be that the policy of subdividing circuits and multiplying stations, each under the care of a pastor, is largely responsible for this decline.

Ten years ago our General Minutes reported 6,724 local preachers; to-day we have only 4,718, a decrease of 2,006. Whether the office and work of the local preacher are ever to be restored to former efficiency may be a matter of great doubt. If not, we certainly should consider how to develop a system of lay agency.

We find also in many parts of the connection a desire to restore to the Quarterly Conference the authority to license preachers. The matter is respectfully referred for your patient consideration.

CERTAIN PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN METHODISM.

Certain grave problems, that have been prominent and more or less perilous in other sections of our country, have only recently become acute in the South. The problems of the city, of rapidly increasing wealth, of the employer and the employed, of factory districts, of congested foreign populations, and of the forsaken rural sections have been transferred to these parallels. We have been a rural and a pastoral people. But now conditions are rapidly changing. Foreigners from

Southern Europe are coming by the thousand, factories are multiplying, village and country neighborhoods are breaking up, and people are drifting into town and city. A wise, constructive statesmanship suggests that we now prepare for the inevitable to-morrow.

The amazing industrial development of the states where our Church is strongest and our responsibility greatest brings before us new and urgent issues. The South is feeling the thrill and pulse-beat of great industrial activities. A new commercial era gladdens and brightens the long prostrate land. But few harps now hang upon the willows. Every one is ringing out the notes of marvelous progress. Factories of various kinds are being built; railway lines, at the cost of many millions, are stretching out in every direction; lands, long unoccupied and bringing no revenue to the state, are being purchased by the hundred thousand acres. Crops have been diversified and industries multiplied to the enrichment of every section. Of our Southern country it may now be said: "Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures." Hopeful is the spirit of our people and wonderfully bright the future of this section. The star of a new industrialism has turned Southward and lingers in the skies that bend over the lower Mississippi Valley. Within the near future there is sure to be a shifting of the centers of trade and manufacture. The completion of the Isthmian Canal will bring the Orient close to our very doors. Down the Mississippi and over the Gulf the products of the great Northwest will float at less cost than over the steep grades of the Alleghanies to the Atlantic or the Rockies to the Pacific.

The South to-day has a population of 25,000,000, as against 33,855,000 for the rest of the country in 1880. The South has more money invested in cotton mills than all the rest of the country in 1880. The consumption in its own mills is 800,000 bales greater than all the rest of the mills in the United States twenty-five years ago. Its production of bituminous coal is almost twice as great—70,000,000 tons, as against 35,000,000; its petroleum output, 42,495,000 against 26,107,000. It is freely predicted, and with reason, that this section, with its abundant stores of ore and coal and limestone in such close proximity, bids fair, in the next quarter of a century, to dominate the basic steel industry of the world. The total value of its farm products is \$200,000,000 greater than in all the rest of the country in 1880. New Orleans now ranks second only to New York among American exporting ports, and Galveston is third. Gulfport, Miss., leads all domestic ports in its shipment of lumber, Pensacola in sawed timber, and Mobile in cross-ties. These figures indicate that by the resistless logic of history the South is soon to achieve commercial supremacy, if not regain political ascendancy.

Now in the midst of these activities the Church must be active. A new and larger programme of missions must be provided. Every toiler must be in the field, every sentinel at his post, every watchman on the wall. This amazing industrialism has developed a materialistic spirit hitherto unknown among us that menaces the very kingdom of Christ.

Material prosperity may be the peril of the Church. The fiber of her strength, toughened through years of adversity, may be weakened by wealth. The patriarch's pillow was a stone, but he had visions of angels and the glory that should follow. Wealth, luxury, ease may enfeeble energy and dull the spirit of a divine compassion. "The smoothness of conventional routine" deadens the soul. Thus affected, the Church is in danger of becoming the priest and the Levite that pass by on the other side.

Along with these rapidly accumulating fortunes there must be developed a loftier appreciation of the stewardship of wealth. Bitter prejudice, born of poverty, can be removed only by the redemptive agency of the gospel and the slow processes of education on the one hand and the beneficent use of wealth on the other. If the vast triumphs of commercial genius are converted into means for the betterment and not the oppression of the poor, hostility will cease, and the spirit of brotherhood prevail. The courageous application of the fundamental laws of righteousness and love to every great social and industrial problem is the chief duty of the Church.

Another factor has entered into the problems that demand the attention of Southern Methodism—the question of *foreign immigration*. During the year 1905 the immigration records show that 1,026,499 immigrants landed on our shores, 700,000 of whom were from Southern and Eastern Europe. Vast numbers were totally illiterate and alien to our national customs and ethical standards and public spirit. This enormous and miscellaneous mass of foreign ignorance and poverty severely strains the assimilating power of our social institutions, and constitutes a perilous menace to our Christian civilization. Until very recently the South has been but slightly affected by foreign immigration. The vast thousands coming annually from Southern Europe have been distributed over the North and West. Now, however, the tide has turned Southward, with Galveston and New Orleans as popular ports of entry. The Italian Ambassador at Washington has indorsed an organized movement to turn Italian immigration Southward, as agricultural and other laborers; and certain legislation is pending in Congress looking to the distribution of immigrant populations over the entire South. In Tampa, Fla., there is a "Little Italy" with 6,400 inhabitants. Already in some of our states there are large foreign communities, as yet ignorant of our language and unacquainted with our national genius. To meet these coming thousands with the educative and redemptive agencies of the gospel is the urgent duty of the Christian Churches of these Southern states. When the Lord saw the multitudes who were as sheep without a shepherd, it is said that "he was moved with compassion." That same compassionate love for neglected peoples and the Christless multitudes must stir the energies of the Church to-day.

And with these come *the enormous problem of the city*. We can scarcely appreciate the tremendous significance of the city in modern life. There is an old saying: "What Lancashire thinks to-day, England

will do to-morrow." With an undreamed-of emphasis it may be said: "What the city determines to-day, the country will do to-morrow." After all that may be said about the moral value of country life and the virtues of the rural gentleman, the real rulers of the nation are the men of the city. They control not only the prices of the stock market, but establish the ethical standards of the nation and determine its political destiny. A discriminating and philosophical student of conditions obtaining in this country has said: "If America does not remake its cities, they will remake America." That is not the statement of an alarmist or the evil prophecy of an enemy, but the timely warning of a faithful friend.

The overcrowded populations of the city are compelled often to live under conditions that produce moral stupor, which becomes practical heathenism. And nothing can cleanse and purify these breeding grounds of anarchy and vice but the ethical and vital principles of the gospel.

A few figures will indicate the ominous growth of cities in the United States:

	Per Cent.
Of our total population in 1820 they constituted.....	4.9
In 1840	8.5
In 1860	16.1
In 1880	22.5
In 1890	30
In 1900	over 33.33

And within recent years a full share of this amazing growth of cities is found in the South. Long a peaceful, pastoral people, living on farms and in villages, we are now rapidly becoming a manufacturing and commercial population, residing in busy towns and crowded cities.

Years ago a distinguished minister of another Church made this public statement: "The frontiers of modern civilization are in the great cities, and America expects Methodism to man the frontiers." The rugged faith of the spiritual frontiersman and pathfinder that made so brilliant the history of our itinerant fathers is the demand of these strenuous times. The forces that confront and menace the Church are not tyrannous and bloody, as in the days when martyrs died in flood and flame, but are none the less dangerous and dreadful. Our prayer is that Methodism will not disappoint the expectations of Christian America.

And this drift from country to city has, in many sections, so seriously weakened the circuits as to constitute the gravest embarrassment to the Conference Boards of Missions. Strong pastoral charges have become dependent upon missionary aid. How to provide for those thinly populated districts, without practically abandoning the entire field, is often a supreme question in Annual Conference administration.

All of these stupendous facts suggest the wisdom of considering what changes in our missionary organization are necessary in order adequately to meet conditions that are growing more urgent every hour. You

may find it best, in view of the limited resources of Annual Conference Boards, to make missionary organizations in cities of twenty thousand inhabitants and more auxiliary to the Parent Board, and provide that the missionaries there employed shall be under the missionary rule as to qualifications and tenure of service.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The past quadrennium has been the greatest in the history of the missionary operations of our Church. The discussion of missionary obligation in sermons and in addresses at missionary institutes, and the survey of the fields and the facts in the numerous mission study classes held by our young people, have deepened conviction and intensified interest to such an extent that the Church has responded as never before. Seventeen Annual Conferences, 121 districts, and 3,227 pastoral charges have paid their assessments in full for foreign missions; and yet less than one-third of our people give to this cause.

During the quadrennium just closed the total receipts of the Board of Missions for foreign missions have been as follows:

1902-03	\$ 366,180
1903-04	389,056
1904-05	436,859
1905-06	467,902

Total\$1,659,997

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has received during the past year \$155,909, an increase of \$3,216, which, added to \$467,902, the total receipts of the General Board, makes \$623,811 for the year 1905-06. The collections for domestic missions have amounted to \$228,240 during the past year, and by the Woman's Home Mission Society, \$101,728, or a total of \$329,968. The sum total for home and foreign missions during the year 1905-06 amounts to an aggregate of \$953,779.

During this quadrennium a princely giver left the Board its largest bequest—\$35,000. All honor to the blessed memory of Richard M. Scruggs!

CHINA.

China is at once the greatest and most difficult of mission fields. We have been working there for over half a century, and the numerical results seem meager. But it must not be forgotten that an immense amount of preparatory work had to be done in mastering the language—in the preparation of a literature—in the provision of an adequate equipment of churches, schools, and hospitals. The work is now well organized and is making progress beyond anything we have known in the history of our mission.

The establishment of the Soochow University and the Laura Haygood Memorial for the higher education of women, the enlargement of our medical work, the opening of two walled cities—Hu Chow and Chang-

chow—as evangelistic centers, and the establishment of the Union Publishing House in Shanghai are fair indications of the aggressive policy which is being pursued.

The empire is in a state of unrest, due probably more to the leaven of new ideas than to the existence primarily of anti-foreign spirit. We are humiliated, however, to confess that much of the recent agitation in China against American commerce, and which, of necessity, affects more or less all missionary operations, has been largely occasioned by the unsympathetic and sometimes vexatious, if not vicious, administration of the Chinese Exclusion Law. The Chinese government and people make no complaint against the exclusion of coolie labor from America, but they do resent the hardships to which the merchant and student classes have been subjected. We cannot make too strong a protest against the infliction of personal indignity upon the representatives of any nation, and sincerely hope the measures recommended by President Roosevelt will lead to the amelioration of present conditions.

In April, 1907, there will be held in Shanghai a General Conference of Missionaries in commemoration of the opening of Protestant missionary work in China by Robert Morrison, just one hundred years ago. An invitation has been extended our Church to send one or more representatives to this great gathering.

JAPAN.

Marvelous changes have been wrought in Japan. She has turned her back rather scornfully upon the dead past and is facing an ambitious future. She has welcomed the stir and mighty energy of Western civilization, without its Christian religion. She has appropriated the enterprise of the West without its ethics—its utilitarianism without its faith.

It is the sublime opportunity and divine mission of the Church to challenge this eager thought, and, while not arresting its movement, direct it into divine channels. When the mind is most alert the Holy Spirit can more speedily and savingly work. So as the island kingdom is emerging from the rigid, stolid conservatism of the past, and is feeling after the power and thrill of a new life, the Church must act promptly and vigorously, or superstition will give way to rank infidelity. That a wonderful change has been wrought, the faded shrines and weather-worn temples of the country amply and eloquently testify. The old faiths have largely lost their grasp upon the national mind, but the true light has not yet shined upon it. Japan is in the eye of the world, and must command the special concern of the Church of Christ. As goes Japan, so will be the Orient. The increasing influence of Japanese in China and their dominance in Korea give almost perilous significance to Japan as a field for missionary endeavor. The times will not wait. We must move quickly and with increasing force. Hesitation now may mean a long postponement of that Orient morn when those fair lands shall know the Christ.

Hardly greater emphasis could be given to the preceding statement

than by the fact that we have just been offered a great temple grove, adjoining the campus of our college in Kobé, with a Shinto shrine in the midst of it. This center of worship has probably been in existence for over a hundred years. Our people have not been slow to appreciate the strategic importance of Japan, and through their liberal gifts the beautiful Branch Memorial Chapel crowns the hillside where Kwansei Gakuin is located, and a main building for our Hiroshima Girls' School is in process of erection. .

There is no more significant event in the history of our missionary operations than the adoption, on the 15th of March, in Baltimore, of a basis of union for the two Episcopal Methodisms in Japan, drawn up by the commissioners authorized by the General Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

KOREA.

Korea has proved one of the richest mission fields of the world in immediate and large results. Every year has marked an epoch and each decade has become an era. The missionaries have less cause for discouragement than in any other field. Their only embarrassment has been the eagerness of the people to hear the gospel and seek instruction.

The characteristic feature of our work in Korea during the quadrennium has been a widespread revival movement. The openness of the people to the gospel has been remarkable. The only limitations upon our missionaries have been lack of time and strength. The country is small and could be easily compassed. We should throw in strong evangelistic forces, and possess the land before the tide of commercialism sets in, or the dominance of an alien people arouses the Koreans to restlessness or resistance.

CUBA.

The growth of the work on the little island to the south of us has been marvelous. Beginning with twenty-four members at the close of the war with Spain, and these huddled together for service in a little rented room in Havana, we now have 1,949 members and a large number on the list of candidates for Church membership. The bishop in charge of that mission was compelled last year to make this statement: "The work of evangelization has progressed so far that I was forced to call a halt for lack of men and money to care for the fruits already won by the toil of our little force." We occupy every important provincial center and are extending our lines on every side, reaching out even to the Isle of Pines.

MEXICO.

Under the presidency of that remarkable man, Gen. Porfirio Diaz, the Republic of Mexico has enjoyed a long period of tranquillity, and has grown with wonderful strides in the development of her resources and the upbuilding of her institutions. American investments are represented there by a sum hardly less than one billion dollars, and numer-

ous American colonies are springing up in the cities. It is said that there are 10,000 Americans in the capital itself. They should be included in our plan of evangelization.

Perhaps one of the most important features of our work in Mexico, in the three Annual Conferences, is the training school for young preachers at San Luis Potosi. As the foreign fields must be evangelized through a trained agency, it is imperative that our training schools should have all the equipment and endowment essential for the best work.

BRAZIL.

The liberality of our Church in Brazil is beyond all praise. Something over \$16,000 was contributed last year by our native members for all purposes, and much of this represents self-denial and heroic endeavor. Too much cannot be said for the work done by our women in Brazil and in Mexico, who, through their schools, have been reaching every class, and in some cases the highest families in the land. One of the greatest needs is an endowment for Granbery College, which is our only institution for training young men for the ministry. And hardly second to this is that of a generous fund for the translation and publication of Christian literature. The meagerness of such literature is pathetic. Stalker's "Life of Christ," Binney's "Compend," and eleven of Wesley's "Sermons" are about the only available books in Portuguese for ministerial students, and the "Sermons" are out of print.

MISSION TO THE JEWS.

During the quadrennium a mission to the Jews has been opened, with the Rev. Julius Magath in charge. Eminently qualified for work among his own people, he has been given a cordial welcome in a number of Jewish centers in the South, where he has found a decided drift from the religion of their fathers.

STATISTICS FROM THE FOREIGN FIELD.

Missionaries in our six foreign fields.....	251
Native preachers in the traveling connection....	104
Bible women	146
Members	17,624
Increase (or 12.7 per cent).....	1,973
Sunday-school scholars	16,533
Schools and colleges	116
Pupils in same	9,960
Patients treated in four hospitals.....	40,678
Raised on the field for all purposes.....\$	36,897
Property valuation	1,428,464

THE MISSIONARY TRAINING SCHOOL.

The need of trained workers to meet the growing demands in our cities, mill towns, mining districts, and among the increasing immigrant population, as well as skilled workmen for our foreign fields, has

led to the establishment by the Board of a school which has already demonstrated the claim for such work. The lectures have been of a high order, and the publication of a number of these in pamphlet form, in an edition of 120,000, has greatly aided the cause of missionary education. We need to increase the circulation of such information as shall bring our people in sympathy with that wider evangelization which looks to the betterment of mankind socially as well as religiously.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

There is no phase of educational missionary work more far-reaching in its results than that among the young people. A helpful series of handbooks and pamphlets have been prepared, and are in circulation among our Epworth Leagues. These have so stimulated systematic study that whereas three years ago there were only forty-two classes organized, and four hundred and sixty-nine members enrolled, we now have over three hundred classes and more than four thousand young men and women engaged in the regular study of missions. This will constitute a great reserve corps for reënforcing our missionary work.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. A reorganization of our missionary educational work which will secure the active coöperation of pastors, of officers of Epworth Leagues, and superintendents of Sunday schools in the formation of mission study classes and in a wider circulation of our missionary literature.
2. The expansion of the work of translation of our choicest Christian literature into Spanish and Portuguese.
3. The development of the Young People's Missionary Department under the auspices of the Board of Missions which shall bring the Epworth League and the Sunday school into closer coöperation in missionary educational work.
4. The holding of an annual meeting in Nashville, or some other central point, of Conference Missionary Secretaries and representatives of Domestic Boards of Missions, when, under the leadership of the Secretaries of the General Board, important questions of policy and methods may be discussed. This meeting would prove an important factor in the development and unification of mission work among our mining population, foreign immigrants, in our mill towns, and in the down-town Church work in our large cities.
5. In view of the imperative necessity of strengthening our hold upon the city, the establishment of a department of home and city missions, under the direction of the Board of Missions, with an assistant secretary in charge, who shall be elected and salaried by the Board; the relation of this secretary to the Domestic Boards of Missions and to the City Mission Board to be advisory and coöperative.
6. Candidates for City Missions to be accepted by the Committee on Candidates of the Board of Missions, on the basis of candidates for foreign work as to fitness and tenure of service, and when accepted to be

nominated for an appointment to the bishop in charge of the Conference in which they are to work.

7. The union of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The President, Vice President, and the Board of Managers of this unified Society to be nominated by the Committee on Missions of the General Conference, as in the case of the members of the Board of Missions. The Secretaries of this Woman's Missionary Society, one for the Home and one for the Foreign Department respectively, to be elected by the Board of Managers.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

At the close of the eighth quadrennium of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions there is cause for genuine rejoicing. In the providence of God, and under his guidance, with the zeal, faith, and hope of a devoted constituency, the Woman's Board has grown in intelligence and spirituality, as well as material prosperity. No new countries have been entered during the past four years, but some new stations have been occupied. A much larger per cent. of conversions have been reported from the foreign fields, notably from Korea, China, and Mexico. Wonderful revivals have characterized these countries, both among the adult natives and the pupils of our schools. Fifteen additional missionaries have been sent out, and only a comparatively few have retired. New school property has been acquired in Korea, China, and Brazil, and the property on the Mexican Border which was destroyed by a cyclone in April last has been rebuilt.

Collections during the past four years amount to \$494,871.69. There are sixty-eight missionaries, who, with helpers, native and foreign, do school work and evangelistic work, carrying the gospel into the native homes, and training the young for God's service. The periodicals issued are more and more prized by the women of the organization. The *Woman's Missionary Advocate* is more than self-supporting, because of the increased circulation, and the *Little Worker* is doing much for the children. The demand for missionary literature was never before so great. Study circles multiply, and an eagerness to know is marked. Many societies support individual missionaries, and the demand for such specials grows.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

The Woman's Home Mission Society has had a quadrennium of phenomenal success. The membership has more than doubled, and the income has increased fully threefold. The parsonages helped by the Conference Societies and the General Board have exceeded in number and amounts any previous period of the Society's helpful history.

The Home Mission Society now cares for fifteen educational centers, ranging from industrial to normal schools, with a pupilage of more than five thousand. A night school and day school for Italians at Tampa are among the new institutions of the quadrennium.

On the Pacific Coast the struggling night schools for Japanese have

been housed, and at present there are three homes for these foreigners, run on the coöperative basis. They touch more than two hundred of the Japanese annually who come from the provinces of Japan, where the General Board has established missions. As a direct result of these homes and schools two regular Japanese churches have been established, with a membership of something like forty, who have learned to know of our Christ either through Methodist mission schools in Japan or in the night schools here. Work for the negro women at Paine Institute, Augusta, Ga., has certainly been for their industrial and religious betterment.

The Society has twenty-three City Mission Boards in active operation, employing twenty-six trained workers, forty salaried workers, and a voluntary force of more than two hundred. These voluntary workers come from the rank and file of the Church, who are able to give one evening a week to a reading club, or a mothers' club, or some other phase of work that looks toward social and industrial betterment. The growth in this department has exceeded that of any other, due no doubt to the fact that our Church women are more and more aroused by the knowledge of social and industrial conditions about us, and also a growing sense of responsibility.

The deaconess movement has perhaps caused wider interest than any other one department in charge of this Board. The whole development of the work was committed to the Woman's Home Mission Society by the General Conference, with no provision for the funds necessary to prosecute it. Plans had to be made for its government, and printed matter calling the attention of the Church, especially of young women, to this new field of service had to be made and scattered abroad, and ways and means devised to bear the cost of any who might be willing to become deaconesses.

During the quadrennium the Home Mission Society has been the recipient of several generous donations. Among these were the Homer Toberman Deaconess Home, at Los Angeles, Cal., valued at \$10,000, the Rebecca Sparks Deaconess Home, at Waco, Tex., worth \$2,500, and the Vashti Blasingame Home, at Thomasville, Ga., valued at \$3,000; also a donation of \$10,000 from Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McEachern, of Atlanta, Ga., upon condition that the children of the Church will raise a like sum for a deaconess hospital.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Substantial and gratifying progress has been made during the quadrennium in the work of Church extension. As shown by the report of the Board, which will be submitted to you, the congregational collections have considerably increased, the Loan Funds have been wisely administered, and the comparative number of new church buildings enlarged. We have built one new church for every sixteen hours during the past four years. The Board has also become an educator of taste and style in church architecture. The character and appointments of houses of worship have vastly improved.

The importance of this great organization cannot easily be over-estimated. It is vital to our largest success. As has been aptly said: "No city, except the heavenly, is safe without a temple."

We call attention to the importance of erecting tasteful and representative church buildings in college communities. In some places, they contrast very unfavorably with the stately structures built for academic purposes, and afford little attraction to students gathered from a wide area.

In recent years, the Board has enlarged its plans, and is giving timely and liberal aid to our cause in the great mission fields. Church buildings are absolutely necessary to any permanent success of the gospel in heathen lands. People alienated from their ancestral faiths and heathen shrines must be properly provided with temples in which to worship the true God. Open-air preaching may arrest attention, but church homes are necessary for instruction and spiritual edification.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school Department continues to grow with the growing needs of the times and the imperial demands of the kingdom of Christ. The remarkable success achieved is its own argument for your most sympathetic and careful consideration.

Large improvements were made on January 1 in the subject-matter, arrangement, and make-up of the Sunday-school literature, bringing it squarely to the forefront of all such publications in the world.

The teacher-training work has been successful in a considerable degree. Ten thousand teachers have been enrolled in the Study Circles, numerous classes have been formed in the schools themselves among the young people for the study of the same course as a weekly lesson, and about thirty thousand volumes of the three books constituting the course have been sold. This work has been supplemented by a large number of Sunday-school Institutes, looking to a more complete organization of the schools themselves, and to a better order of work within them, as well as to the stirring up of a more general popular interest.

The Sunday-school Board, at the recommendation of the Sunday-school Editor, passed a resolution two years ago in favor of the establishment in the Vanderbilt University of a full chair of Religious Pedagogy and Sunday Schools. Subsequently, the Theological Faculty of the university took favorable action, and the Board of Trustees at its last annual meeting, June, 1905, took action, establishing such a chair in the university on the condition that the Church should properly endow it. The plan to be proposed for the endowment of this chair is one which will enlist the effort of all Sunday schools for a short period, and become the means of acquainting them all the more thoroughly with this important work.

The object of this movement is that every young preacher passing through the theological course shall become thoroughly versed in the knowledge of Sunday schools and the best methods of successful work.

It is also contemplated that this course shall be made a part of the Correspondence School, and thus reach all that large and important class of young ministers whose chief theological education is derived through the Conference course.

While some other institutions have a somewhat similar provision, the carrying out of this plan will put our Church clearly in advance in the fullness and thoroughness of its equipment for this class of work.

The Department has issued this quadrennium the Young People's Hymnal No. 3, which is fully up to the standard of its predecessors, and believed by many to be a superior volume to either in its songs and music. Nos. 1 and 2 have already sold, in the aggregate, to the number of 1,000,000 copies, and No. 3 is having a corresponding reception by the public. The Sunday-school Editor is of the belief that the time has come for the preparation of an established body of Sunday-school hymnology by all the leading Protestant denominations, and would recommend the appointment of similar commissions from other Churches, and to confer with them fully touching this matter.

There has been a healthy increase in the attendance upon Sunday schools and in the circulation of Sunday-school literature during the quadrennium.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Epworth League as a separate department of our Church work has had a history of exactly twelve years. In view of our past experience in laying down the lines and perfecting the workings of great enterprises, this must be considered altogether too short a time to have brought this movement to its best; and yet the results of these years have been such as must satisfy judgment and encourage hope. A very strong fellowship of young and ardent souls has been built up in the bosom of the Church and maintains a constant testimony and a growing zeal. All the other departments of our work have been helped by the material contributions of the League. This is especially true of the Mission Board, which expressly acknowledges the services of the League in an appreciable augmentation of its annual receipts. Every part of the connection, and especially those parts represented in the mission fields, has felt the help and stimulus of the League as an evangelical force. As a life school it is especially adapted to the needs of our missionaries in dealing with the converted youth of heathenism. But everywhere its plans and ideals are found to be beyond question as to their value and soundness. The organization harmonizes with every detail of our economy. It is, in fact, a part and parcel of the Church—a means set for the spiritual salvation and training of our young people, and for their protection against the temptations and perils which beset their social and intellectual lives. There has not been before devised in our Church anything which fills the place meant to be filled by the Epworth League. There are easily from one and a half to two millions of young people of proper age for membership in the

League who are directly and indirectly under the influence of our pastors. This fact surely constitutes a sufficient ground for the existence of our young people's organization, and should inspire and spur us to the last limit of effort to make its plans effective.

These considerations make us feel that no appeal to be made to you is more insistent in demand than that which touches the young people's organization. If it be true that "the history of heroes is the history of youth," we need to put this arm of our service to larger use.

The Epworth Era, the organ of the Epworth League, has made during the last quadrennium a record which confirms hope in its future as an exceptional instrumentality in ministering to our younger people. The circulation of the *Era* has much more than doubled during this time, and the paper has advanced to a place of commanding influence as a voice of the Church. The possibilities of its expansion are all but unlimited.

We heartily commend the Epworth League Department to you for such legislative action as in your judgment may strengthen and better equip it for its work.

THE PUBLISHING HOUSE.

The business of the Publishing House has been larger than during any quadrennium of its history. This increase has been progressive, each year showing an advance over the preceding year. This steadily growing business is attributable in great part to the general prosperity of the country, and in part, we trust, to the fact that more of our people are reading than ever before. The increase is in every department of the business—in sale of books, as well as in the circulation of periodicals.

The circulation of the *Christian Advocate* is an increasingly difficult problem, which has caused the editor and publishers much concern. Cut off on every hand by Conference organs, which have first place in the efforts of the preachers to secure subscribers, the connectional organ suffers in circulation, and the Agents have not yet discovered a way to overcome this difficulty.

The Texas House has done well from the beginning, and, like the House at Nashville, shows a steady annual increase, both in volume of business and in profits therefrom. The fact that the business done is very much larger than was done in the same territory when operated from Nashville, evidences the wisdom of the Book Committee in establishing the Dallas House, and speaks well for the loyalty of our membership in Texas. We are paying a large rental in Dallas; and as the House there is no longer an experiment, we should buy a suitable lot and take steps to have a building belonging to the Church by the time our present lease expires.

The new building erected for the Publishing House in Nashville is one that will be a credit to the Church. It is of modern fireproof construction, six stories in height, and is planned for the manufacture and

sale of our literature to the best advantage. The Agents estimate that the use of the new house will result in the annual saving of several thousands of dollars on the volume of business now being done. In the matter of insurance premiums alone not less than \$3,500 per annum will be saved.

EDUCATION.

The work of the Board of Education, conducted in harmony with the purposes of its organization, is more and more demonstrating its efficiency as a great connectional agency. It has kept the great cause of Christian education before the thought of the Church, quickened the conscience of our people on this vital matter, stimulated liberal giving, and contributed not a little toward elevating the standards of teaching and unifying our entire educational work. Notwithstanding the attractive facilities and sharp competition of state institutions, and great colleges endowed by private beneficence, the patronage of our schools continues to increase, and their efficient work suffers no lack of appreciation. At the last General Conference the number of students attending our schools and colleges was given as 19,385; to-day there are 29,087. Property values have increased \$2,304,271, annual incomes have advanced \$440,348, and \$511,748 has been added to endowment funds. For detailed facts you are referred to the Twelfth Annual and Third Quadrennial Report of the Board of Education, which will be submitted for your consideration.

Much of the commanding influence of Methodism is due to her institutions of learning. They have garrisoned the fields won by ardent evangelists and demonstrated the fact that Methodism has staying power. Charles Wesley, who always had a morbid fear of his brother's progressive statesmanship, unwittingly stated a great fact when on a visit to Kingswood School, and referring to the work of John Wesley in founding that institution, which has become so historic, he said: "I believe he is now laying the foundations of many generations." The chapel at Bristol and the school at Kingswood were the first separating facts in the history of the Methodist movement. They led to the establishment of Methodism as an independent ecclesiasticism, and down through the wonderful intervening years the chapel and school have marked the growth of the Church.

Our colleges must have ampler endowment. They are now struggling with the accidents and fluctuations of annual patronage, and, while accomplishing much for the cause of Christian education, it is done amid discouragement and at much personal sacrifice. The almost fabulous sums given for buildings, equipment, and endowment to certain great institutions, not dominated by the spirit of evangelical Christianity, are an appeal to the Church to strengthen her foundations, and that right speedily.

During the quadrennium there has been a reclassification of our institutions according to the standard prescribed by the Educational Commission. While disappointing to some very worthy schools, this clas-

sification is stimulating the educational ideals of the Church, and encouraging officers of administration to provide larger and better things for the institutions under their charge.

As directed by the last General Conference, special attention has been given to our work in the great West. The Board has rendered financial aid to two of the institutions established in that section, and sought in every way to foster and strengthen the enterprises that promise permanent success.

We call to your attention our relation to the negroes of the South, and invite you to consider, in view of present conditions, what other and wiser plans can be adopted for serving their spiritual and educational needs. Many years ago the General Conference declared that our missions to the negroes are "the crowning glory of Southern Methodism." The names of William Capers, James O. Andrew, Lovick Pierce, and other apostolic men are linked in undying wedlock to that great work. To the redemption and elevation of those people they withheld naught of Christian sympathy and evangelical toil. Though conditions have changed, and much sad history has been written, the Church has reiterated its desire to be of helpful service to our colored brethren. How very difficult at times it has been to render such Christian assistance has not been appreciated abroad or understood at home. But the work will be pushed forward, and in the spirit of our blessed Lord.

Opportunity for work may not always be inviting, and results of former well-meant labors may not be altogether encouraging, but we cannot withhold every possible assistance without a measure of condemnation. We must not allow our political conditions, however acute, or racial prejudice, however intense, or industrial disturbance, however distressing, to absolve us from our Christian obligations to these people at our doors. They need and must have the pure gospel, and our Christian sympathy. Nothing else will redeem and elevate them. Not by statutes and constitutions—not by legislation, state or national—not by politicians, national or ecclesiastical—but by the Bible and the spelling book are these people to be saved, and this and every other social problem to be satisfactorily and finally solved.

As will be seen by the Secretary's report, the Board has raised for the support of the colored work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the following sums:

During its first quadrennium.....	\$22,363 66
During its second quadrennium.....	25,999 65
During its third quadrennium.....	37,204 51

This last figure does not include the amount raised during the past two years for the rebuilding of Lane College.

For an account of the admirable work done at Paine Institute, and the continued progress of Lane College, though embarrassed by a disastrous fire, you are referred to the report of the Board of Education and the catalogues of these schools.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

The past quadrennium has been of special significance in the history of Vanderbilt University. In all departments some advance has been made, either in standards or in methods of work. In spite of this advance, the attendance has been well maintained, and during the present year reaches the highest point in the history of the university—about eight hundred and thirty. There has been a slow and steady increase in the finances of the university, but an increase that by no means has kept pace with the demands for the enlargement of work.

On April 20, 1905, the university met its first great material loss in the destruction by fire of its main building and contents. This building had stood for thirty years, the center of university life and the home of its most important work. The destruction of the contents of the building involves the loss of the general university library, the magnificent scientific equipment that had been provided for the departments of Physics and Chemistry, a large number of portraits, and other valuable material. The insurance on the building is wholly insufficient to replace the loss. The alumni, especially those resident in the city of Nashville, were quick to come to the relief of the university. The citizens of Nashville have also responded in a way to call forth great gratitude. Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt, the leading representative of the family of our founder, has notified the Chancellor that he would in due time contribute his part. The burned building is being rapidly restored, and will be ready for the new session in September, 1906. Building operations also include Furman Hall, to be used as a chemical laboratory and to be erected largely of the funds provided in the bequest of Mrs. Mary J. Furman, formerly a resident of Nashville and a member of McKendree Church. Plans have also been projected for a great library building, but nothing can be done in this direction with the funds now in hand. Only a special donation for this purpose will make possible this much-needed building.

The financial strain under which the university has been placed within the last ten years has never been fully appreciated. The great decline in the rate of interest has made it difficult to keep all departments in operation. All the increase in financial resources has been necessary in order to keep matters at a standstill. That the university has not progressed more rapidly is due largely to financial embarrassment. While it still holds a leading place in the educational institutions of the South, the relative importance of the university will grow less conspicuous as other institutions in the South come to the front, unless larger means are provided.

The work of the Literary Department has always been a central feature of the university, but the demands of this work have been very insufficiently met. In the first catalogue, issued thirty years ago, nine full professors are cited as working in this department. The catalogue of to-day enumerates this same number as giving instruction in this

department. All of the advancement, all of the numerous changes in work, have been provided for through instructors and others holding positions subordinate to that of full professor. Serious lack of funds prevents the proper manning of the work.

Professional education is also coming to be something of a burden. Whereas it was once profitable, it now calls for definite outlay. If professional work is to be carried on in the most approved manner, it cannot be made a source of revenue, but must have special endowment provided for it.

The work of the Biblical Department has been modified more than that of any other within the last four years. This work is now divided into three terms of three months each, so arranged as to allow students to enter at the beginning of any one term. In this way, many students are enabled to finish a Conference year and enter the university in January. The course of instruction has also been greatly enlarged, and the faculty increased. The total faculty now consists of nine officers, divided into five professors, three adjunct professors, and one instructor. Students are not held to a rigid curriculum, but are allowed considerable latitude in the election of subjects. The requirements for admission have also been changed with a view to increasing the attendance and opening the benefits of this department to a larger number of young men of our Church. Formerly it was required that the prospective student should have completed two years' college work before entering the seminary. This requirement is now waived in such cases as the faculty may decide worthy to be admitted without this attainment. This relaxation from the requirements for admission has probably brought into the department many new students during the present year, and has made the present junior class the largest in the history of the university.

The General Conference of 1902 instituted a Correspondence School for the benefit of young preachers of our Church. This school was promptly put in operation, and has been carried on under the joint management of the Theological Faculty and the General Board of Education. Funds for the school are provided partly by a small payment from each student enrolled, but chiefly by a general education collection through the whole Church, which is paid to the Board of Education and by that Board appropriated to the uses of our Correspondence School. This school is in charge of Rev. J. L. Cuninggim as director, and with him are associated a number of instructors who give considerable time to the details of the work. Much of the work, however, must still be done by the theological faculty of Vanderbilt University. The number of students now enrolled in the Correspondence School is nearly or quite six hundred. These are chiefly Conference undergraduates, but some progress has been made in establishing advanced courses.

Four years ago there was before the Church a proposition from Mr. Samuel Cupples, of St. Louis, under which he offered to give \$50,000

to the Biblical Department conditioned on the raising of double this amount by the Church at large. We regret to have to relate that this proposition was never met. Mr. Cupples finally consented to settle on a *pro rata* basis, and paid the university about \$21,000 instead of the \$50,000 he desired to give. The calls for expansion and improvement of the work in the Biblical Department are urgent, but cannot be heeded unless special contributions are made by the Church for this purpose.

THE MINISTRY AND MODERN SCHOLARSHIP.

We deem it advisable to call attention to the subject of Bible criticism, not so much to express a fear as to utter a word of caution. The historic method applied to Bible study has occasioned concern in some sections of the Church. While extending hospitality to reverent investigation and according all honor to sanctified learning, it is our judgment that ministers should observe great caution in discussing such themes in the pulpit.

Methodism, by the circumstances of its birth, and the progressive spirit of its triumphant history, cannot but be hospitable to all truth and the beneficent patron of sound learning. Its founders and many of their coadjutors were university scholars and men of varied culture. To clear and accurate scholarship, whether in the field of biblical criticism or elsewhere, it could not be unfriendly or intolerant. But many things may be wrought out in the study that are not edifying in the pulpit. Confident statement, with the passion of constraining love, is the demand of the pew, and not raising questions in critical scholarship. Congregations need the certitudes of our faith, not our doubts and daydreams. Those who look to the pulpit for spiritual guidance want the authoritative statement of infallible truth, and not the methods of critical research or the varied phases of theological inquiry. The conceit of fancied scholarship is scarcely less offensive than the arrogance of ignorance. A distinguished English theologian and Oxford professor clearly stated the case in this recent utterance: "Nothing involves greater danger to the cause of truth than rash, crude, defiant pronouncements on subjects which touch men's deep and sacred convictions."

DEACONESSSES.

The action of the last General Conference in providing for the office and work of a deaconess has met with general approval and cordial appreciation. The urgent demand for such trained workers, especially in our growing cities, evidences the fact that the measure adopted was not premature or ill-advised. You may find it wise, however, so to modify legislation on that subject as more rapidly to prepare such workers for active service and place them under the immediate direction of the pastors.

SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

The Scarritt Bible and Training School for missionaries and other Christian workers, established by the authority of the General Confer-

ence, has during the fourteen years of its existence, aided in the training of 350 young women. Of the 165 graduates, 62 are foreign missionaries, 58 are trained nurses, and 38 are in the home mission field either as missionaries or deaconesses. Thus, nearly all the missionaries in both the foreign and home work under the auspices of our consecrated women are graduates of the Training School. There has been a steady increase alike in its facilities and its efficiency during its entire history. Both as regards its equipment and its staff of capable teachers it reflects great credit on our worthy women who have planned it and still carry forward its great work. The growing demand for rooms to accommodate the increased number of students preparing for the missionary work at home and abroad, and also as deaconesses, has led to the discontinuance of the Nurse-training Department and the Hospital. The early opening of the Barnes Hospital on a much larger scale means the continuance of this important part of the work.

BARNES HOSPITAL.

It is gratifying to be able to report that the large bequest left to our Church by the late Mr. Robert A. Barnes, of St. Louis, is being administered wisely by three laymen of our Church, under whose management the fund is now grown to more than a million and a half for the building and endowment of a great hospital. A choice site has been purchased with a frontage of nearly twelve hundred feet on Forest Park, on which it is contemplated erecting a thoroughly modern and well-equipped hospital as soon as can be done with the care needed for so great an undertaking. On its completion the Church will be able to extend greatly her work of usefulness not only in the treatment and care of the sick and injured but by the encouragement given to original research in its well-equipped laboratories. A training school for nurses is to be established in connection with the Barnes Hospital, and under its auspices will afford the best training for Christian young women who may wish to devote their lives to ministering to the sick and injured. Two vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the hospital have been filled recently by the bishop last presiding over the St. Louis Conference, under the terms of Mr. Barnes's will.

WESLEY HOSPITAL.

We note with satisfaction the establishment of Wesley Hospital in the city of Atlanta. Valuable property has been purchased and adapted to hospital purposes at considerable cost, and the institution most efficiently organized. The wards have been crowded almost from the day of opening, demonstrating the timeliness and wisdom of the enterprise.

CONSOLIDATION OF OFFICIAL PAPERS.

We have noted the growth of a sentiment which looks toward the consolidation of our official newspapers. It seems to be generally accepted as true that the present number of official papers published in the connection is larger than is justified by the conditions of their fields of

patronage. The power and usefulness of the press in their advocacy inhere in certain standards and qualities of excellence which can be reached and maintained only when corresponding resources have been assured. These resources must be found, so far as our Church newspapers are concerned, in a large and healthy subscription patronage. We believe that if the official organs of the Annual Conferences could be substantially reduced and published in commanding centers of well-regulated territories the excellence of each might be greatly increased and the influence of the whole vastly augmented. We offer no suggestions as to how these ends are to be reached, but commend the matter to your consideration as one of much consequence to the Church.

FRATERNAL MESSENGERS.

Acting under authority of the last General Conference, your bishops appointed fraternal messengers to bear the greetings of our great Church to the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and to the Wesleyan Methodist Conference in England. The Rev. W. B. Murrah, D.D., was accredited to the Methodist Church of Canada, the Rev. J. C. Kilgo, D.D., to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Bishop E. E. Hoss to the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Their eloquent messages were received with every mark of cordial appreciation, and no doubt have contributed much to strengthen the ties that bind together the several members of our great ecclesiastical family.

CHRISTIAN UNITY.

Recent years have wrought a marked change in the relations of great Christian denominations toward each other. Ecclesiastical controversy has given way to the spirit of Christian unity and catholicity. A closer coöperative fellowship is the universal desire and earnest prayer. Whether the dream of the coming oneness of the Churches is soon to be realized, all evangelical denominations are purposed to remove as far as possible all needless waste and rivalry.

INTERCHURCH CONFERENCE ON FEDERATION.

During the month of November, 1905, in the city of New York, an Interchurch Conference on Federation was held, in which thirty Churches, with over twenty millions of communicants, were represented. By authority of the last General Conference delegates from our Church had seats in that body. It was held "solely for common counsel and as an expression of their oneness in the Lord Jesus Christ." The vast significance of such a conference cannot yet be fully appreciated.

The dominant note of the great meeting was that "the Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, our Lord," and the ground of every appeal for a more perfect oneness was "that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Its declared purpose was "more fully to manifest the

essential oneness of the Christian Churches of America in Jesus Christ as their divine Lord and Saviour, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service, and coöperation among them."

The plan of federation adopted by that conference will be laid before you for consideration and proper action.

UNION OF METHODISM IN JAPAN.

The rapid progress of Christian missions in the Japanese Empire and the marked change in the attitude of the Japanese mind have been such during the last decade that it seemed wise to bring the several Methodist bodies now working in that land into closer relation. This conviction, in the interest of unity, economy, and increased efficiency, led the representative missionaries and Japanese ministers of the six Methodist Churches in that field to the favorable consideration of organic union. The question was submitted to the General Conferences of at least four of the Methodist Churches represented in Japan, with the result that commissions were appointed by the respective Churches, and clothed with power to act when these commissions should be called together.

On the 3d of January, 1906, there met in Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church in Baltimore, Md., commissioners representing the following Churches: the Methodist Church in Canada, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church. The Evangelical Association of America and the United Brethren in Christ were not represented.

Two days of prayerful, painstaking consideration were given to the question before the said commissioners; but not being able to reach definite and final conclusions, it was decided to adjourn subject to call.

A second meeting was held in the Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn., March 1, 1906. After some hours of deliberation, being unable to agree upon a satisfactory basis of union, the following resolution was adopted: "*Resolved*, That the Joint Commission do now adjourn, subject to call as formerly provided, leaving each commission free to proceed with such action as may be thought wise to effect a union with one or more bodies in Japan, under the authority granted by their several General Conferences, praying that the time may soon come when all members of our Methodist family in Japan shall be one Church."

Upon the adjournment of the Joint Commission, the commissioners of the Methodist Episcopal Church and of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met for conference, and resolved to proceed at once to effect the union of our Churches in Japan.

On March 15, 1906, the commissioners met again in the city of Baltimore and adopted a basis of union, unanimously agreeing upon every detail. The Methodist Episcopal Church of Japan, when organized, will be episcopal in form of government, and conform in every essential element with the two great Churches in the United States. At the next session of the Annual Conferences in Japan delegates will be elected to

a General Conference to meet in Tokyo on the fourth Wednesday in May, 1907, for perfecting the organization of the new Church. The Church will begin its independent existence with more than one hundred American missionaries (including women), seventy-five ordained Japanese preachers, 7,000 members, 189 Sunday schools and 12,000 scholars, 39 schools and colleges, with 3,056 students, one publishing house, and \$200,000 worth of property.

FEDERATION.

The last General Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, adopted, without amendment, the report of the Joint Commission on Federation. That report provided, among other things, that "where either Church is doing the work expected of Methodism the other Church shall not organize a society nor erect a church building until the bishop having jurisdiction in the case of the work proposed shall be consulted, and his approval obtained." The Joint Commission was continued, and will have a report to submit for your consideration.

The General Conference also instructed your bishops to act in concert with the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the work of preparing a Common Hymnal, a Common Catechism, and a Common Order of Worship. Members of the two Joint Commissions were appointed, their labors have been concluded and approved, and in 1905 the Common Hymnal was published, the Catechism prepared, and the Common Order of Worship adopted.

INTERCHURCH CONFERENCE ON MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

The representatives of the fifteen Churches composing the Inter-church Conference on Marriage and Divorce have held several meetings during the quadrennium, and by means of published addresses and appeals have done much to stimulate national interest in this vital matter. Bishop Wilson, by appointment, represented the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The one declared purpose of the Conference was to emphasize, by reiteration, the great truth of the sacredness of marriage as not a contract lightly formed and easily broken, but an *estate* of life, first among the institutions of God for man, and foremost among the sanctities of life.

THE DEATH OF BISHOPS HARGROVE AND KEENER.

It gives us pain to report the death of two of our noble colleagues, with whom we took sweet counsel and held high fellowship. At the last General Conference Bishop Robert K. Hargrove, at his own request, was relieved from the active duties and responsibilities of the episcopal office. In this relation he continued to serve the Church with wise and helpful counsel, but was not able to render much public service. After months of failing health, he died in great peace, at his home in Nashville, Tenn., early on the morning of August 3, 1905. A man of apostolic spirit, an able preacher and well-furnished scholar, he was pre-

eminently distinguished for the dignity and purity of his life, the firmness of his clear convictions, the genuineness of his Christian courtesy, and for his chaste speech and perfect sincerity.

On the 19th of January, 1906, at his home in New Orleans, La., Bishop John Christian Keener went up to his great reward. He was in the eighty-seventh year of his age. As pastor, presiding elder, editor, and bishop, he had served the Church long and with conspicuous fidelity. His was a really great life, and he will have a large but unique place in the history of his time. A man of brilliant gifts and prophetic vision and apostolic zeal and singular consecration, he was, in many respects, the most majestic personality in all our Israel. There was a royalty in his priesthood that commanded reverence while it inspired confidence.

EPISCOPAL SERVICE.

We record the fact with devout thanksgiving that during the quadrennium we have been able to attend all the Annual Conferences in the home land, as also in Mexico and Cuba, and to make biennial visits, as heretofore, to our missions in the Orient and in South America. So far as we are able to judge, there has been no lack of efficient episcopal supervision in any part of our wide connection. For the successful prosecution of our work during the next quadrennium it may be deemed wise for you to elect three bishops.

And now, dear brethren, with this review of the past, we invite you to look with cheerful faith upon a triumphant to-morrow, and gird yourselves for momentous duties.

Great changes have resulted in the past several decades, and mighty revolutionary forces are now at work. The geography of to-day is not the book we studied a few years ago. The map of the world has entirely changed. Deserts and dark places have been explored and found to be fertile regions, thickly populated. The ports of all nations have been unlocked, and missionaries permitted to enter with promised protection of person and property. On the wings of the morning the light of new Christian civilization has well-nigh reached every habitable shore. To take those lands for Christ is the mission and work of the Church.

The Bible has been brought out from its hiding places and put into the hands of the millions. It has been rescued from the tombs of the dead languages and translated into almost every vernacular of the world. And never have its divine pages been so eagerly and prayerfully studied. In the year 1800 the number of Bibles in circulation was less than five millions. It was then translated into about sixty languages; now into more than four hundred.

More and more the great verities of our gospel are affecting the intellectual and moral life of the world, determining its ethical standards, and dominating to a degree its social and political ideals. Christianity is reversing the ancient tendency, and instead of working

through the state upon the individual, works upward and outward from the person to the nation. The doctrines of a Christian democracy are liberalizing the governments of the planet, and their national flags symbolize, more or less, the principles of personal and religious liberty. Thus the way is being cleared, and the ground prepared, for the saving and sanctifying forces of our holy religion. Can we not hope for the speedy evangelization of the world?

Mighty possibilities are near at hand. Fields once distant and seemingly hopeless are at our very door, and white unto the harvest. Ripened grain awaits the reapers. "Our star is in our brain," says a brilliant Wesleyan preacher, "not in the sky; our ship of gold is at the quay awaiting its discharge, and not upon the high seas; our fortune is at our feet, not at the foot of the rainbow."

These vast harvest fields are a divine challenge to the faith of the Church. Never in all the history of our planet have spiritual and secular forces so conspired for the conquest of the gospel. Every invention and agency designed for the triumph of commerce gives speed and wing to the angel of the apocalypse carrying abroad the message of salvation. International treaties and relationships make possible, and give encouragement to, spiritual fellowships. The electric cables that interchange daily, if not hourly, the market reports of the world, also flash across seas and continents the glad tidings of the gospel triumphs. Doors are open and fields are white everywhere. At home and abroad the tokens are alike encouraging.

But if opportunity is bright, responsibility is correspondingly great. The work is before us, and necessity is upon us. A door is never opened without a command to enter. Into every whitened field the Lord calls both reaper and gleaner. "Go ye into all the world" is the standing order of Heaven, never to be revoked until the last conquered banner has been furled, and the last lost sinner redeemed. To us, as in the olden time, a Voice from heaven speaks in tones of divine authority and urgency: "Sanctify yourselves, for to-morrow the Lord will do wonders among you.

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OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH,

HELD IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., MAY 3-21, 1906.

FIRST DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 3, 1906.

MAY 3.
FIRST DAY.

THE Fifteenth General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South (being the Thirtieth General Conference since the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America in 1784), assembled in the First Methodist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, Thursday, May 3, 1906.

Opening.

Bishop Wilson, the senior bishop of the Church, took the chair, and opened the session by announcing hymn No. 78,

Bishop Wilson
presides.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee,

which was sung by the Conference.

After the singing of the hymn, Bishop Key led the Conference in prayer.

Devotional
exercises.

Bishop Galloway read a portion of the sixtieth chapter of Isaiah.

Bishop Smith read the sixteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John.

Bishop Hoss announced hymn No. 10,

Glorious things of thee are spoken,

Zion, city of our God,

which was sung.

After the singing of this hymn, C. W. Carter, of the Louisiana Conference, led in prayer.

Bishop Wilson requested Jno. J. Tigert, the Secretary of the last General Conference, to call the roll. The roll of the bishops was first called, and the bishops answered to their names as follows: Alpheus W. Wilson, William

Roll call.

Bishops
present.

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W. Duncan, Charles B. Galloway, Eugene R. Hendrix, Joseph S. Key, Warren A. Candler, Henry C. Morrison, E. Embree Hoss, and A. Coke Smith.

**Certificates
of delegates.**

Jno. J. Tigert announced that the roll had been made up from the official certificates of election of clerical and lay delegates, as forwarded to him by the Secretaries of the several Annual Conferences, which were in hand for the verification of the roll, and would be filed with the papers of the General Conference.

**Members
present.**

The following members answered to their names:

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* A. J. Lamar, J. S. Frazer, A. L. Andrews, J. M. Mason. *Lay:* W. H. Samford, R. O. Simpson, J. A. Wilkinson.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* James A. Anderson, F. S. H. Johnston. *Lay:* J. M. Jenkins.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* Collins Denny, John A. Kern, Forrest J. Prettyman, John A. Anderson, Henry P. Hamill. *Lay:* Arthur B. Pugh, Tipton T. Fishburne, M. Lauck Walton, Charles M. Armstrong, A. Elias Huddleston.

BRAZIL MISSION CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* J. L. Kennedy.

CENTRAL MEXICO MISSION CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* F. S. Onderdonk.

CHINA MISSION CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* Y. J. Allen.

COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* C. L. McCausland. *Lay:* W. L. Cobb.

DENVER CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* T. S. Wheeler. *Lay:* R. E. Rice.

EAST COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* H. S. Shangle. *Lay:* W. C. Howard.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* J. P. Hilburn. *Lay:* George B. Glover, W. M. Boswell, J. W. Knight.

GERMAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* P. H. Hensch.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* James A. Burrow, R. G. Waterhouse, Frank Richardson, S. D. Long, J. W. Perry. *Lay:* George R. Stuart, J. M. Cantrell.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* J. W. Westcott. *Lay:* S. S. Vick.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* William J. Sims, Jesse S. Lamar, Theodore F. Brewer, N. L. Linebaugh, C. M. Coppedge. *Lay:* J. N. Doss, J. W. Jackson, W. G. Ditzler.

JAPAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* S. H. Wainright. *Lay:* N. Matsumoto.

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KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* E. G. B. Mann, W. F. Taylor, W. E. Arnold. *Lay:* W. W. Ball.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* J. E. Godbey, T. H. Ware, James Thomas. *Lay:* W. C. Ratcliffe, W. K. Ramsey.

LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* E. P. Ryland. *Lay:* J. B. Glover.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* Fitzgerald Sale Parker, C. W. Carter, R. W. Tucker. *Lay:* A. F. Jackson.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* Jno. J. Tigert, W. F. Lloyd, F. M. Thomas, Gross Alexander. *Lay:* John L. Wheat, H. Wirgman, Lucius P. Little.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* R. H. Mahon, J. H. Stevenson, G. W. Wilson, W. E. Thompson. *Lay:* John R. Pepper, Thomas B. King, B. H. Scott.

MEXICAN BORDER MISSION CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* Santiago Tafolla. *Lay:* F. D. Campbell.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* A. F. Watkins, H. M. Du Bose, T. W. Adams, J. M. Morse. *Lay:* E. J. Bowers.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* C. M. Bishop, Willis Carlisle, O. E. Brown, S. P. Cresap, B. D. Sipple. *Lay:* B. J. Casteel, J. A. Leavell, H. P. Woodson, J. M. Proctor.

MONTANA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* J. R. Murray.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* J. T. French. *Lay:* J. E. Swepton.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* H. C. Howard, Samuel L. Dobbs, James H. McCoy, John D. Simpson, Frank P. Culver. *Lay:* T. C. Banks, N. M. Rowe, M. K. Clements, E. J. Garrison.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* J. C. Kilgo, T. N. Ivey, J. D. Pegram, J. N. Cole. *Lay:* H. A. Page, J. F. Bruton.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* W. F. Glenn, James H. Eakes, John D. Hammond, Beverly P. Allen, John W. Heidt, John B. Robins. *Lay:* George M. Napier, W. G. Post, E. W. Martin, J. T. Duncan, John W. Bale.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* W. B.

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Murrah, J. W. Boswell, T. W. Lewis, W. S. Lagrone.
Lay: J. R. Bingham, F. A. Critz, G. J. Leftwich.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* J. W. McLean, J. W. Hill, G. C. Rankin, J. L. Morris, John M. Moore. *Lay:* Charles H. Morris, P. C. Thurmond, L. Blaylock, Sidney Bass.

NORTHWEST MEXICAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* L. Reynolds. *Lay:* S. I. Esquivel.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* John R. Nelson, John M. Barcus, W. L. Nelms, O. F. Sensabaugh, J. G. Putman, H. A. Boaz. *Lay:* W. E. Williams, Nat G. Rollins, S. W. Scott, J. T. McKeown, J. M. Robertson, R. S. Hyer, J. K. Parr.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* J. E. Moore, John J. N. Kenney. *Lay:* G. V. Northey.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* E. O. Watson, J. W. Daniel, John O. Willson, M. L. Carlisle, R. A. Child, J. A. Clifton. *Lay:* Henry N. Snyder, George H. Bates, J. W. Hamel, P. A. Hodges.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* W. C. Lovett, W. N. Ainsworth, J. B. McGehee, B. Anthony, J. H. Scruggs. *Lay:* W. B. Stubbs, Isaac Hardeman, M. C. Austin.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* W. B. Palmore, C. H. Briggs, A. R. Faris, W. H. Winton. *Lay:* Samuel Orr, John A. Rich, Perry S. Rader, H. G. Healey.

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* W. F. McMurry, T. E. Sharp, N. B. Henry. *Lay:* J. W. Vaughan, P. E. Genoway.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* W. F. Tillett, J. T. Curry, H. B. Reams, W. R. Lambuth, E. B. Chappell. *Lay:* J. W. Irwin, J. H. Kirkland, L. K. Hart.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* Seth Ward, S. R. Hay, J. T. Smith. *Lay:* T. S. Garrison, D. H. Abernathy, H. C. Pritchett.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* Paul Whitehead, James Cannon, Jr., B. F. Lipscomb, J. C. Reed, W. J. Young, Richard T. Wilson, Richard H. Bennett. *Lay:* J. W. Grandy, W. W. Smith, P. E. Hines, R. E. Blackwell.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—*Clerical:* J. D. Scott,

W. J. Johnson, Sterling Fisher. *Lay*: V. M. West, J. E. Pritchett, G. G. Johnson.

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WESTERN CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: Albert R. Williams. *Lay*: J. B. Starns.

Members
present.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: James Atkins, J. H. Weaver, S. B. Turrentine, G. H. Detwiler, H. M. Blair, J. R. Scroggs. *Lay*: C. H. Ireland, J. S. Martin, J. L. Nelson, W. R. Odell, W. G. Bradshaw.

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: Sam Robinson, T. S. Wade. *Lay*: E. B. Hawkins, M. W. Thomas.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: W. C. Davidson, Z. T. Bennett. *Lay*: J. J. Mardis, Ramsey Gulley.

It was thus ascertained that a quorum of the General Conference was present.

A quorum
present.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, moved that the hours of 9 A.M. and 1 P.M. be fixed as the hours for meeting and adjourning.

McLean's motion to fix
hours.

S. L. Dobbs, of the North Alabama Conference, moved to amend by substituting 12:30 for 1.

Dobbs moves
to amend.

A point of order was made by W. E. Arnold, of the Kentucky Conference, that the Conference had not yet completed its organization by the election of a Secretary.

Arnold's point
of order
sustained.

The point was sustained by the Chair.

Gross Alexander, of the Louisville Conference, put in nomination the name of Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, for Secretary, and he was unanimously elected.

Jno. J. Tigert
elected
Secretary.

On nomination of the Secretary, A. F. Watkins, of the Mississippi Conference; John M. Barcus, of the Northwest Texas Conference; C. H. Briggs, of the Southwest Missouri Conference; John W. Heidt, of the North Georgia Conference; F. S. Parker, of the Louisiana Conference; E. O. Watson, of the South Carolina Conference; W. F. Lloyd, of the Louisville Conference; J. A. Burrow, of the Holston Conference; and J. M. Mason, of the Alabama Conference, were elected Assistant Secretaries.

Assistant
Secretaries
elected.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, moved that the rules of order of the last General Conference be adopted for the present session.

McLean's
motion to
adopt rules.

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Tigert's
substitute
adopted.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved as a substitute the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the rules of order of the last General Conference, as they appear in the Journal, be adopted as the rules of order of this General Conference.

Resolved, 2. That a special committee of five on Rules of Order be appointed by the Chair, to which shall be referred, without debate, all new rules and amendments of existing rules.

(Signed.)

JNO. J. TIGERT,
A. F. WATKINS.

The substitute was adopted.

Moore's paper
on standing
committees.

John M. Moore, of the North Texas Conference, offered a paper concerning the number and appointment of the standing committees, as follows:

Resolved, f. That there shall be fourteen standing committees, composed of one representative of each Annual Conference to be elected by the respective delegations, as follows:

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| 1. Episcopacy. | 8. Boundaries. |
| 2. Itinerancy. | 9. Temperance. |
| 3. Revisals. | 10. Sunday Schools. |
| 4. Publishing Interests. | 11. Epworth League. |
| 5. Education. | 12. Appeals. |
| 6. Church Extension. | 13. Finance. |
| 7. Missions. | 14. Colportage. |

Resolved, 2. That when the committees assemble for organization, they shall elect a temporary chairman and secretary, and afterwards a permanent chairman and secretary, by ballot.

Resolved, 3. That the committees on Episcopacy, Revisals, Education, Missions, Temperance, Epworth League, and Finance, which are the odd numbers in the list, shall hold their stated meetings on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week, during the season, at 2:30 P.M.; and the committees on Itinerancy, Publishing Interests, Church Extension, Boundaries, Sunday Schools, Appeals, and Colportage, which are the even numbers in the list, shall hold their stated meetings on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday of each week, at 2:30 P.M.

(Signed.)

JOHN M. MOORE,	F. S. PARKER,
W. L. NELMS,	J. J. N. KENNEY,
JAMES ATKINS,	W. F. MCMURRY,
T. E. SHARP,	W. F. TILLET.

H. C. Howard, of the North Alabama Conference, moved that the action of the last General Conference be substituted for the paper presented.

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Howard's substitute discussed and lost.

T. E. Sharp, of the St. Louis Conference, moved to lay the substitute of H. C. Howard on the table.

The motion of T. E. Sharp was lost.

The point of order was raised by J. M. Mason that the rules of order included the order of the committees.

The point was declared by the Chair not well taken.

On motion, the previous question was ordered.

The substitute of H. C. Howard was lost.

The vote being taken, the resolutions of John M. Moore were adopted as read.

Moore's paper adopted.

W. L. Nelms, of the Northwest Texas Conference, moved that a special committee on Credentials be appointed, and the motion prevailed.

Nelms's motion for Credentials Committee prevails.

The Secretary reported the following organization of the Secretarial staff:

Secretarial staff organized.

Journal Secretaries—A. F. Watkins, F. S. Parker.

Reading Secretaries—C. H. Briggs, J. W. Heidt.

Secretary to Committee on Appeals—C. H. Briggs.

Calendar Secretaries—J. M. Barcus, W. F. Lloyd.

Secretary for *Daily Advocate*, for the reporters of the secular press, and all press duties ordered by the General Conference—J. A. Burrow.

Secretary for letters, telegrams, and all fraternal correspondence—E. O. Watson.

Recording of yea and nay votes, counting standing votes, supervision of tellers and ballot sheets—J. M. Mason.

The Secretary then called the roll of the Conferences for the seating of alternates in the place of absent principals. The following alternates were seated:

Conferences called and alternates seated.

CENTRAL MEXICO MISSION CONFERENCE.—S. G. Figueroa, *vice* L. A. Morales, lay delegate.

GERMAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—C. H. Beneke, *vice* F. A. Grote, lay delegate.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—J. S. McIntyre, *vice* D. R. Rankin, lay delegate.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.—W. W. Carré, *vice* W. B. Thompson, lay delegate.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—Daniel Collier, *vice* J. B. Wadsworth, lay delegate.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—J. H. Fraiser, *vice* G. D. Shands, lay delegate.

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NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.—W. C. Everett, *vice* R. C. Dial, lay delegate.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—W. A. Covington, *vice* J. L. Day, deceased, lay delegate.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.—M. D. Fields, *vice* L. L. Jester, lay delegate.

Du Bose's
resolution
for Fraternal
Committee
adopted.

H. M. Du Bose, of the Mississippi Conference, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of five members of this Conference be appointed on Fraternal Reception and Correspondence.

(Signed.)

H. M. DU BOSE,
V. M. WEST.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

Lipscomb's
motion on
seating dele-
gates.

B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, moved that a representative of each delegation be appointed by the delegation to arrange for the seating of the delegates at three o'clock this afternoon.

McLean's
substitute
adopted.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, presented as a substitute the following:

Resolved, That 3 o'clock this afternoon be set as the time for arranging the seats of the respective delegations, and that the Secretary be instructed to prepare slips of paper of uniform size and kind, each bearing the name of an Annual Conference, and after thoroughly mixing the tickets in a hat or box he shall draw the tickets, one by one, announcing the name of the Conference drawn, whereupon the delegate previously delegated by his delegation shall at once indicate the seats to be occupied by that delegation, thus proceeding until all are seated.

(Signed.)

JOHN H. McLEAN,
A. F. WATKINS.

On motion, the substitute was adopted.

Greeting
from Wom-
an's Home
Mission
Board.

The following greeting was received from the Woman's Board of Home Missions, in session at Asheville, N. C.:

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, care of Rev. Jno. J. Tigert, Birmingham, Ala.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions, at the close of its Eighth Annual Session, sends greeting. Read Hebrews thirteenth, twentieth and twenty-first.

(Signed.)

MRS. FRANK SILER, *Rec. Sec.*

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved that acknowledgment of the reception of the communication be made in the Journal, and the motion prevailed.

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The Chair announced the following as the Committee on Credentials: W. L. Nelms, R. A. Child, R. H. Mahon, J. W. Sims, J. S. Frazer, S. R. Hay, J. E. Moore.

Committee on
Credentials
announced.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Fraternal Reception and Correspondence: H. M. Du Bose, Collins Denny, G. C. Rankin, R. W. Millsaps, H. N. Snyder.

Committee on
Fraternal
Reception,
etc.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved that we now hear the Episcopal Address, and the motion prevailed.

Address of the
Bishops read.

Bishop Galloway then read the Address of the Bishops. (See Address, pp. 20-46.)

G. W. Wilson, of the Memphis Conference, moved that the Secretaries be appointed a committee to distribute the sections of the Episcopal Address among the various standing committees, and the motion prevailed.

Secretaries to
distribute
sections of
Episcopal
Address.

The following resolution was presented:

Greetings to be
sent Rev.
J. C. Berry-
man.

Resolved, That the Secretary be hereby instructed to send a telegram, expressing the love and affectionate greetings of this body to the Rev. J. C. Berryman, Caladonia, Mo., the sole surviving member of the General Conference of 1844, and now in the ninety-seventh year of his age.

(Signed.)

JOHN M. MOORE,
W. F. McMURRY.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, moved that two copies of the *Daily Advocate* be placed each morning upon the seat of each delegate, and the motion prevailed.

Daily Advo-
cate to be
furnished
delegates.

B. R. Bolton, clerical delegate from the Northwest Texas Conference; E. W. Solomon, clerical delegate from the Texas Conference; and J. D. Pullen, lay delegate from the Tennessee Conference, were recognized and seated.

Bolton, Solo-
mon, and
Pullen
seated.

The following resolution was read, and, without motion, was referred to the Committee on Rules:

Proposed
amendment
of Rule 6
referred to
Committee
on Rules.

Resolved, That Rule No. 6 be amended by substituting the word "triplicate" for "duplicate," so as to read as follows:

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"Every resolution shall be in writing and in triplicate, signed by at least two members, and every substitute and amendment and report of a committee shall be in writing and in triplicate."

(Signed.)

A. F. WATKINS,
F. S. PARKER.

Gavel of his-
toric wood
presented to
Conference.

J. W. Heidt, of the North Georgia Conference, presented to the Conference a gavel made of wood from the Wesley Oak, Savannah, Ga.

Bishop Wilson received the gavel, and, on motion, the thanks of the Conference were tendered.

Committee on
Rules.

The following names of the Committee on Rules was announced by the Chair: J. J. Tigert, Paul Whitehead, Frank Richardson, W. F. Taylor, W. C. Ratcliffe.

Adjournment.

Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, moved to adjourn, and the motion prevailed.

Bishop Wilson pronounced the benediction, and the Conference was thus adjourned.

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Conference
meets.

Religious
services.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1906.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Wilson in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, who read hymn No. 208,

I love thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of thine abode,

which was sung by the Conference.

Roll call.

The roll of those not present yesterday was called, and the following additional delegates responded to their names:

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—*Lay*: A. Sessoms.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*: L. W. Moore.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.—*Lay*: C. C. Henderson.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—*Lay*: J. T. Peeler.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—*Lay*: R. W. Millsaps.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—*Lay*: J. R. Lyell.

MONTANA CONFERENCE.—*Lay*: J. W. Kemper.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—*Lay*: John D. Walker.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—*Lay*: J. A. McCullough.

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.—*Lay*: A. R. Byrd.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—*Lay*:
George L. Hackney.

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Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved that the calling of the roll be dispensed with during the remainder of the session, and that as absentees arrived they be reported by the chairmen in writing to the Secretaries; and the motion prevailed.

Calling of roll
to be dis-
pensed with.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Minutes read.

Bishop Duncan took the chair.

Bishop
Duncan
presides.

The minutes of the mass meeting of yesterday evening to hear the addresses of welcome were read and approved, and, on motion, they were incorporated into the minutes of the morning session as follows:

Mass meeting
to hear ad-
dresses of
welcome.

MINUTES OF THURSDAY EVENING'S SESSION.

A mass meeting to hear the addresses of welcome extended to the General Conference assembled at 8 P.M., with Bishop W. W. Duncan in the chair.

Order of the
exercises.

Bishop Morrison announced hymn No. 2,

Come, thou almighty King,
Help us thy name to sing,

which was sung, and Bishop Morrison offered prayer.

The Bishop introduced the Hon. W. D. Jelks, Governor of the State of Alabama, who fittingly welcomed the General Conference on behalf of the people of Alabama.

Bishop Duncan made suitable response, and introduced the Rev. James H. McCoy, of the North Alabama Conference, who warmly and eloquently welcomed the General Conference on behalf of the Methodists of Alabama. The Bishop thanked Brother McCoy, and congratulated the Alabama Methodists on their representatives. He then introduced the Hon. John R. Copeland, representing the Mayor of Birmingham, who, in words both witty and wise, welcomed the General Conference on behalf of the citizens of Birmingham.

Bishop Duncan accepted, in the name of the Conference, the hospitality of the city, and introduced the Rev. Dr. Samuel L. Dobbs, who, in a felicitous historical address, welcomed the General Conference on behalf of the Methodists of Birmingham and vicinity.

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Bishop Duncan briefly responded.

Bishop Hendrix was then introduced, and delivered at length a formal response, on behalf of the General Conference, to these several addresses of welcome.

The doxology was sung, and the meeting adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Duncan.

Call for
reports of
committees.

Reports from standing committees were called for, but none were presented.

The reports of special committees were called for.

Report No. 1
on Rules
sent to cal-
endar.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee on Rules, which, under the rule, went to the calendar.

Motion to sus-
pend rule
withdrawn.

Gross Alexander, of the Louisville Conference, moved the suspension of the rule in order to the immediate consideration of the report. After some discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Report of com-
mittee to
distribute
Bishops' Ad-
dress,
adopted.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, presented the report of the special committee to distribute the Episcopal Address, which, on motion, was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE EPISCOPAL ADDRESS.

The Committee on the Distribution of the Episcopal Address beg leave to report that they recommend that the sections of the Address relating to the decreasing supply of ministers, and the decreasing number of local preachers, be referred to the Committee on Itinerancy; that the sections relating to city and rural missions, factory and foreign populations, the union of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Mission Society, the Scarritt Bible and Training School, the Barnes and the Wesley Memorial Hospitals, the union of Methodisms in Japan and the several foreign mission fields of the Church, be referred to the Committee on Missions; that the sections referring to the death of Dr. P. H. Whisner, Church Extension Secretary, and to the memorial from the Baltimore Conference concerning a church in Washington City, be referred to the Committee on Church Extension; that the section on Sunday schools be referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools; that the section on Epworth Leagues be referred to the Committee on Epworth League; that the section on the Publishing House and the consolidation of Church papers be referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests;

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that the sections relating to the Vanderbilt University and the ministry and modern scholarship be referred to the Committee on Education; that the section relating to the Endowment Fund for Superannuates be referred to the Committee on Finance; that the section relating to deaconesses be referred to the Committee on Revisals; that the section on fraternal messengers, Christian unity, the Interchurch Conference on Federation and the deliverances of that conference on marriage and divorce, be referred to the special committee on Federation; that the names of John C. Keener and Robert K. Hargrove be referred to the Committee on Episcopacy for the preparation of suitable memorials to be inserted in the Journal, and that the recommendation of the bishops concerning the strengthening of the Episcopacy be referred to the same committee.

Respectfully submitted:

JNO. J. TIGERT, *Chairman.*

The Secretary called the roll of the Conferences for appeals, memorials, and petitions, and the following were introduced:

Appeals, memorials, and petitions.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning a representative Southern Methodist church in Washington City: referred to the Committee on Church Extension. A memorial concerning the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and other matters: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

By consent, the Book Committee presented a memorial concerning a change in the Discipline in the matter of the election of Book Agents: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. And a memorial concerning the Publishing House in China: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning unordained ministers: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

GERMAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning publications in the German language: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning the establishment of minute questions in the District Conference: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial concerning boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—A memorial suggest-

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ing certain changes in the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning city missions: referred to the Committee on Missions. A memorial concerning evangelists and other matters: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A memorial concerning the trial of traveling preachers: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial from the Conference Missionary Secretary suggesting certain changes in the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Missions.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—A memorial on the licensing of preachers: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A memorial on Annual Conference business: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning lay representatives: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A memorial concerning Church papers: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. A memorial concerning Conference claimants: referred to the Committee on Finance. A memorial concerning the Quarterly Conference: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial concerning evangelists: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning sundry changes in the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial concerning organic union: referred to the Committee on Federation. A memorial concerning evangelists: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A memorial concerning presiding elders: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial concerning Sunday schools and the Vanderbilt University: referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.—A memorial on boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning the Annual Conference and superannuated preachers: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial concerning the trial of traveling preachers: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial concerning local preachers: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial concerning the president of the Annual Conference and the Board of Missions: referred to the Com-

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mittee on Missions. A memorial concerning lay membership in the Annual Conference: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial concerning unordained preachers: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial concerning the division of the Conference: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

By consent, from the General Board of Education a memorial containing certain recommendations: referred to the Committee on Education.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—An appeal of the case of W. W. Wadsworth: referred to the Committee on Appeals.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning Vanderbilt University: referred to the Committee on Education. A memorial on Church publications: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. A memorial on deposits with the Publishing House: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial on Children's Home and Aid Society: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial on Epworth League Assemblies: referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning Sunday schools: referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning the sacraments: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial on statistics: referred to the Committee on Missions.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—A memorial on members of the Annual Conference and our institutions of learning: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A memorial concerning the Vanderbilt University: referred to the Committee on Education. A memorial proposing certain changes in the Ritual: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial from the Lebanon District Conference, proposing a change in Quarterly Conference questions: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial concerning the *Christian Advocate*: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. A memorial

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concerning a college for women: referred to the Committee on Education. A memorial suggesting a revision of the Ritual and of the General Rules: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial on the extension of the time limit: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning the licensing of preachers: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

By consent, the Board of Missions presented a memorial on the Missionary Training School: referred to the Committee on Missions. A memorial on the Home Missionary Department: referred to the Committee on Missions. On the licensing of persons in the foreign missionary field: referred to the Committee on Missions.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning presiding elders: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A memorial concerning unordained preachers and the solemnization of matrimony: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial concerning unordained preachers and the administration of baptism: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial concerning Connectional and Conference papers: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. A memorial concerning Children's Day collection: referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools. A memorial on appointing traveling preachers to the temperance work: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial concerning the Ritual: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial on boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries. A second memorial on boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries. A memorial on the union of the Foreign and Home Missionary Societies: referred to the Committee on Missions. A memorial on the assessments for missions: referred to the Committee on Missions. A memorial on tracts: referred to the Committee on Colportage. A memorial on the union of the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies: referred to the Committee on Missions.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.—A memorial on boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

A communication was announced by the Secretary challenging the right of James Thomas, a clerical delegate from the Little Rock Conference, to a seat in the General Conference. On motion, the paper was referred to the Committee on Credentials without reading.

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Right of James Thomas to a seat challenged.

The Secretary read a communication from the Birmingham View Company, requesting permission to take pictures of the Conference.

Pictures of the Conference to be taken.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved that permission be granted, and the motion prevailed.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, moved that the committees ordered to meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays convene this afternoon at three o'clock, and the other committees at five o'clock, for organization, and that their organization be reported to-morrow.

McLean's motion for organization of committees.

J. M. Barcus, of the Northwest Texas Conference, offered as a substitute the following resolutions:

Barcus's substitute resolutions.

Resolved, 1. That the roll of Conferences be called, and that the assignments of members to the several standing committees be presented in duplicate by the respective chairmen of delegations.

Resolved, 2. That the first section of the committees meet at 2:30 P.M., and the second section at 3:30 P.M. to-day, for organization.

James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, moved to amend by substituting 4:30 for 3:30; and the amendment was accepted by the mover of the substitute.

Cannon's amendment of substitute accepted.

W. N. Ainsworth, of the South Georgia Conference, moved that both the substitute and the original motion be tabled, but the motion did not prevail.

Ainsworth's motion to table both not adopted.

H. C. Howard, of the North Alabama Conference, moved that the Barcus substitute be laid on the table, and the motion did not prevail.

Howard's motion to table lost, and the Barcus paper adopted.

The vote being taken upon the paper presented by J. M. Barcus, it was adopted.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved that a Committee on Public Worship, consisting of eleven members, be appointed; and the motion prevailed, and the following Committee on Public Worship was announced: S. L. Dobbs, J. A. Duncan, W. R. Hendrix, F. W. Brandon, J. H. McCoy, F. P. Culver, J. O.

Committee on Public Worship named.

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Hane, L. D. Patterson, A. W. Smith, F. M. Jackson, R. S. Munger.

Committee on Federation provided for.

Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, moved that a special committee of seven be appointed on Federation, and the motion prevailed.

Committee on Bible Society to be appointed.

C. H. Briggs, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, read the following resolution:

Resolved. That the Chair appoint a special committee of seven on the American Bible Society.

(Signed.)

C. H. BRIGGS,
W. F. LLOYD.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

Standing committees.

On the call of the roll of the Annual Conferences, the lists of the members of the standing committees were handed in for record, as follows:

CONFERENCE.	EPISCOPACY.	ITINERANCY.	REVISALS.
Alabama.	A. J. Lamar.	A. L. Anderson.	J. S. Frazer.
Arkansas.	J. A. Anderson.	F. S. H. Johnston.	J. A. Anderson.
Baltimore.	Collins Denny.	J. A. Kern.	F. J. Prettyman.
Brazil Mission.	J. L. Kennedy.	H. Lindenberg.	J. L. Kennedy.
Central Mexico Miss..	F. S. Onderdonk.	F. S. Onderdonk.	F. S. Onderdonk.
China Mission.	Y. J. Allen.	Y. J. Allen.	Y. J. Allen.
Columbia.	C. L. McCausland.	C. L. McCausland.	C. L. McCausland.
Denver.	T. S. Wheeler.	T. S. Wheeler.	R. E. Rice.
East Columbia.	H. S. Loughlin.	H. S. Loughlin.	H. S. Loughlin.
Florida.	L. W. Moore.	J. P. Hilburn.	J. P. Hilburn.
German Mission.	C. H. Beneke.	C. H. Beneke.	P. H. Hensch.
Holston.	J. A. Burrow.	F. Richardson.	S. D. Long.
Illinois.	S. S. Vick.	J. W. Westcott.	J. W. Westcott.
Indian Mission.	W. J. Sims.	W. J. Sims.	J. S. Lamar.
Japan Mission.	S. H. Wainright.	M. Matsumoto.	S. H. Wainright.
Kentucky.	E. G. B. Mann.	W. F. Taylor.	W. E. Arnold.
Little Rock.	J. E. Godbey.	T. H. Ware.	W. C. Ratcliffe.
Los Angeles.	E. P. Ryland.	E. P. Ryland.	E. P. Ryland.
Louisiana.	F. S. Parker.	C. W. Carter.	H. H. White.
Louisville.	J. J. Tigert.	L. P. Little.	Gross Alexander.
Memphis.	R. H. Mahon.	W. E. Thompson.	G. W. Wilson.
Mexican Border Miss..	S. Tafolla.	S. Tafolla.	S. Tafolla.
Mississippi.	A. F. Watkins.	J. M. Morse.	T. W. Adams.
Missouri.	C. M. Bishop.	B. D. Sipple.	B. S. Casteel.
Montana.	J. W. Kemper.	J. W. Kemper.	J. W. Kemper.
New Mexico.	J. E. French.	J. E. French.	J. E. Swepston.
North Alabama.	H. C. Howard.	J. H. McCoy.	J. D. Simpson.
North Carolina.	J. C. Kilgo.	T. N. Ivey.	J. N. Cole.
North Georgia.	W. F. Glenn.	J. H. Eakes.	J. B. Robins.
North Mississippi.	W. B. Murrah.	G. J. Leftwich.	J. W. Boswell.
North Texas.	J. H. McLean.	J. W. Hills.	J. L. Morris.
N. W. Mexican Miss..	L. Reynolds.	S. I. Esquivel.	S. I. Esquivel.
Northwest Texas.	W. L. Ne ms.	B. L. Bolton.	O. F. Sensabaugh.
Pacific.	E. J. N. Kenney.	J. E. Moore.	G. V. Northey.
South Carolina.	E. O. Watson.	R. A. Child.	J. W. Daniel.
South Georgia.	W. C. Lovett.	J. B. McGehee.	J. H. Scruggs.
Southwest Missouri.	W. B. Palmore.	P. S. Roden.	C. H. Briggs.
St. Louis.	W. F. McMurry.	F. E. Sharp.	N. B. Henry.
Tennessee.	W. F. Tillett.	J. T. Curry.	H. B. Peams.
Texas.	Seth Ward.	E. W. Solomon.	S. R. Hay.
Virginia.	Paul Whitehead.	B. F. Lipscomb.	J. C. Reed.
West Texas.	J. D. Scott.	S. Fisher.	W. J. Johnson.
Western.	A. R. Williams.	J. B. Storm.	A. R. Williams.
Western N. Carolina.	James Atkins.	S. B. Turrentine.	H. M. Blair.
Western Virginia.	T. S. Wade.	Sam Robinson.	M. W. Thomas.
White River.	W. C. Davidson.	Z. T. Bennett.	Z. T. Bennett.

CONFERENCE.	PUBLISHING INT'S.	EDUCATION.	CHURCH EXTENSION.
Alabama.	W. H. Samford,	A. L. Anderson,	A. Sessoms,
Arkansas.	J. A. Anderson,	F. S. H. Johnston,	J. A. Anderson,
Baltimore.	C. M. Armstrong,	H. P. Hamill,	A. B. Puga,
Brazil Mission.	J. L. Kennedy,	H. Lindenbergl,	H. Lindenbergl,
Central Mexico Miss.,	S. G. Figueroa,	F. S. Onderdonk,	F. S. Onderdonk,
China Mission,	Y. J. Allen,	Y. J. Allen,	Y. J. Allen,
Columbia,	W. L. Cobb,	W. L. Cobb,	C. L. McCausland,
Denver,	T. S. Wheeler,	R. E. Rice,	R. E. Rice,
East Columbia,	W. C. Howard,	W. C. Howard,	H. S. Shangle,
Florida,	W. M. Boswell,	G. B. Glover,	J. P. Hilburn,
German Mission,	P. H. Hensch,	C. H. Beneke,	C. H. Beneke,
Holston,	S. D. Long,	R. G. Waterhouse,	G. R. Stuart,
Illinois,	S. S. Vick,	J. W. Westcott,	J. W. Westcott,
Indian Mission,	J. S. McIntyre,	J. M. Doss,	T. F. Brewer,
Japan Mission,	M. Matsumoto,	S. H. Wainright,	M. Matsumoto,
Kentucky,	E. G. B. Mann,	W. F. Taylor,	W. W. Ball,
Little Rock,	W. R. Ramsey,	W. C. Ratcliffe,	James Thomas,
Los Angeles,	J. B. Glover,	J. B. Glover,	J. B. Glover,
Louisiana,	F. S. Parker,	A. F. Jackson,	R. W. Tucker,
Louisville,	H. Wirgman,	F. M. Thomas,	J. L. Wheat,
Memphis,	J. H. Stevenson,	W. E. Thompson,	T. B. King,
Mexican Border Miss.,	F. C. Campbell,	F. C. Campbell,	S. Tafolla,
Mississippi,	H. M. Du Bose,	R. W. Millsaps,	R. W. Millsaps,
Missouri,	S. P. Cresap,	W. Carlisle,	H. P. Woodson,
Montana,	J. W. Kemper,	J. W. Kemper,	J. W. Kemper,
New Mexico,	J. E. Swepston,	J. E. Swepston,	J. E. Swepston,
North Alabama,	Daniel Collier,	F. P. Culver,	N. M. Rowe,
North Carolina,	T. N. Ivey,	J. F. Bruton,	J. D. Pegram,
North Georgia,	J. H. Eakes,	J. D. Hammond,	J. W. Heidt,
North Mississippi,	J. W. Boswell,	J. R. Bingham,	L. W. Lewis,
North Texas,	L. Blaylock,	John M. Moore,	C. H. Morris,
N. W. Mexican Miss.,	L. Reynolds,	L. Reynolds,	S. I. Esquivel,
Northwest Texas,	J. M. Robertson,	R. S. Hyer,	J. K. Parr,
Pacific.	J. J. N. Kenney,	G. V. Northey,	G. V. Northey,
South Carolina,	G. H. Bates,	H. N. Snyder,	P. A. Hodges,
South Georgia,	B. Anthony,	I. Hardeman,	M. C. Austin,
Southwest Missouri,	W. B. Palmore,	W. H. Winton,	J. A. Rich,
St. Louis,	A. R. Byrd,	J. W. Vaughan,	W. F. McMurtry,
Tennessee,	E. B. Chappell,	J. H. Kirkland,	J. D. Pullen,
Texas,	J. T. Smith,	H. C. Prichett,	T. S. Garrison,
Virginia,	James Cannon, Jr.,	W. W. Smith,	R. E. Blackwell,
West Texas,	G. G. Johnson,	J. E. Prichett,	V. M. West,
Western,	A. R. Williams,	J. B. Storms,	A. R. Williams,
Western N. Carolina,	W. R. Odell,	G. H. Detwiler,	C. H. Ireland,
Western Virginia,	T. S. Wade,	E. B. Hawkins,	M. W. Thomas,
White River,	Z. T. Bennett,	W. C. Davidson,	J. J. Mardis.

CONFERENCE.	MISSIONS.	BOUNDARIES.	TEMPERANCE.
Alabama,	J. W. Wilkinson,	R. O. Simpson,	W. H. Samford,
Arkansas,	F. S. H. Johnston,	C. E. Wilson,	J. M. Jenkins,
Baltimore,	F. A. Anderson,	A. E. Huddleston,	M. L. Walton,
Brazil Mission.	J. L. Kennedy,	H. Lindenbergl,	J. L. Kennedy,
Central Mexico Miss.,	F. S. Onderdonk,	S. G. Figueroa,	S. G. Figueroa,
China Mission,	Y. J. Allen,	Y. J. Allen,	Y. J. Allen,
Columbia,	C. L. McCausland,	C. L. McCausland,	W. L. Cobb,
Denver,	T. S. Wheeler,	T. S. Wheeler,	R. E. Rice,
East Columbia,	H. S. Shangle,	W. C. Howard,	H. S. Shangle,
Florida,	T. J. Nixon,	L. W. Moore,	J. W. Knight,
German Mission,	P. H. Hensch,	P. H. Hensch,	C. H. Beneke,
Holston,	J. W. Perry,	J. W. Perry,	G. R. Stuart,
Illinois,	S. S. Vick,	S. S. Vick,	J. W. Westcott,
Indian Mission,	N. L. Linebaugh,	C. M. Coppedge,	J. S. McIntyre,
Japan Mission,	S. H. Wainright,	M. Matsumoto,	S. H. Wainright,
Kentucky,	E. G. B. Mann,	W. E. Arnold,	C. H. Duty,
Little Rock,	James Thomas,	W. R. Ramsey,	T. H. Ware,
Los Angeles,	E. P. Ryland,	E. P. Ryland,	J. B. Glover,
Louisiana,	C. W. Cortes,	A. F. Jackson,	R. W. Tucker,
Louisville,	W. F. Lloyd,	F. M. Thomas,	W. F. Lloyd,
Memphis,	T. B. King,	G. W. Wilson,	J. H. Stevenson,
Mexican Border Miss.,	F. C. Campbell,	F. C. Campbell,	F. C. Campbell,
Mississippi,	J. M. Morse,	E. J. Bowers,	H. B. McGehee,
Missouri,	O. E. Brown,	B. J. Casteel,	J. R. Lyell,

CONFERENCE.	MISSIONS.	BOUNDARIES.	TEMPERANCE.
Montana,	J. W. Kemper,	J. W. Kemper,	J. E. Swepston,
New Mexico,	J. T. French,	J. T. French,	N. M. Rowe,
North Alabama,	S. L. Dobbs,	J. D. Simpson,	H. A. Page,
North Carolina,	H. A. Page,	T. J. Jarvis,	W. G. Post,
North Georgia,	P. J. Allen,	J. W. Ball,	F. A. Critz,
North Mississippi,	W. S. Lagrone,	G. D. Shands,	L. Blaylock,
North Texas,	G. C. Rankin,	J. H. McLean,	L. Reynolds,
N. W. Mexican Miss.,	S. I. Esquivel,	L. Reynolds,	J. T. McKeown,
Northwest Texas,	H. A. Boaz,	John R. Nelson,	J. E. Moore,
Pacific,	J. E. Moore,	J. J. N. Kenney,	
South Carolina,	M. L. Carlisle,	J. W. Hamel,	W. A. Covington,
South Georgia,	W. N. Ainsworth,	J. A. Bush,	P. S. Rader,
Southwest Missouri,	J. A. Rich,	A. R. Faris,	R. E. Genoway,
St. Louis,	T. E. Sharpe,	N. B. Henry,	E. B. Chappell,
Tennessee,	W. R. Lambuth,	J. T. Curry,	L. L. Jester,
Texas,	J. W. Downs,	P. E. Hines,	R. H. Bennett,
Virginia,	W. J. Young,	J. D. Scott,	G. G. Johnson,
West Texas,	A. R. Williams,	A. R. Williams,	A. R. Williams,
Western,	J. H. Weaver,	W. G. Bradshaw,	J. L. Nelson,
Western N. Carolina,	Sam Robinson,	E. B. Hawkins,	E. B. Hawkins,
Western Virginia,	J. J. Mardis,	R. Gully,	J. J. Mardis.
White River,			

CONFERENCE.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	EPWORTH LEAGUE.	APPEALS.
Alabama,	J. A. Wilkinson,	A. Sessoms,	J. S. Frazer,
Arkansas,	J. M. Jenkins,	E. C. Wilson,	J. M. Jenkins,
Baltimore,	M. L. Walton,	T. T. Fishburne,	H. P. Hamill,
Brazil Mission,	J. L. Kennedy,	J. L. Kennedy,	H. Lindenberg,
Central Mexico Miss.,	S. G. Figueroa,	F. S. Ondonk,	S. G. Figueroa,
China Mission,	Y. J. Allen,	Y. J. Allen,	Y. J. Allen,
Columbia,	W. L. Cobb,	W. L. Cobb,	C. L. McCausland,
Denver,	T. S. Wheeler,	R. E. Rice,	T. S. Wheeler,
East Columbia,	W. C. Howard,	W. C. Howard,	H. S. Shangle,
Florida,	G. B. Glover,	T. J. Nixon,	L. W. Moore,
German Mission,	P. H. Hensch,	C. H. Beneke,	P. H. Hensch,
Holston,	J. M. Cantrell,	J. W. Penn,	J. W. Taylor,
Illinois,	S. S. Vick,	J. W. Wes cott,	S. S. Vick,
Indian Mission,	J. W. Jackson,	W. G. Ditzler,	N. L. Linebaugh,
Japan Mission,	M. Matsumoto,	S. H. Wainright,	M. Matsumoto,
Kentucky,	C. H. Duty,	W. W. Ball,	W. E. Arnold,
Little Rock,	C. C. Henderson,	C. C. Henderson,	T. H. Ware,
Los Angeles,	J. B. Glover,	E. P. Ryland,	J. B. Glover,
Louisiana,	W. W. Carré,	C. W. Carter,	H. H. White,
Louisville,	M. O. Hughes,	Gross Alexander,	L. P. Little,
Memphis,	J. R. Pepper,	J. T. Peeler,	J. T. Peeler,
Mexican Border Miss.,	S. Tafolla,	F. C. Campbell,	S. Tafolla,
Mississippi,	A. G. Morrell,		A. F. Watkins,
Missouri,	W. Carlisle,	S. P. Cresap,	J. M. Proctor,
Montana,			
New Mexico,	J. E. Swepston,	J. E. Swepston,	J. T. French,
North Alabama,	T. C. Banks,	E. J. Garrison,	M. K. Clements,
North Carolina,	J. G. Brown,	J. G. Brown,	T. J. Jarvis,
North Georgia,	G. M. Napier,	J. D. Walker,	B. P. Allen,
North Mississippi,	J. R. Bingham,	J. W. Lewis,	F. A. Critz,
North Texas,	W. C. Everett,	P. C. Thurmond,	P. C. Thurmond,
N. W. Mexican Miss.,	S. I. Esquivel,	S. I. Esquivel,	L. Reynolds,
Northwest Texas,	W. E. Williams,	J. M. Barcus,	J. G. Putnam,
Pacific,	G. V. Northey,	J. J. N. Kenney,	J. E. Moore,
South Carolina,	John O. Willson,	J. A. Clifton,	J. A. McCullough,
South Georgia,	J. H. Scruggs,	W. B. Stubbs,	W. B. Stubbs,
Southwest Missouri,	H. G. Healey,	A. R. Faris,	C. H. Briggs,
St. Louis,	J. H. Vaughan,	T. E. Sharpe,	N. B. Henry,
Tennessee,		L. K. Hart,	R. P. McLean,
Texas,	D. H. Abernathy,	One Johnson,	H. C. Pritchett,
Virginia,	J. H. Grady,	E. G. Moseley,	R. T. Wilson,
West Texas,	G. G. Johnson,	Sterling Fisher,	J. E. Pritchett,
Western,	J. B. Starns,	J. B. Starns,	J. B. Starns,
Western N. Carolina,	James Atkins,	G. L. Hackney,	J. R. Scroggs,
Western Virginia,	E. B. Hawkins,	M. W. Thomas,	Sam Robinson,
White River,	R. Gully,	R. Gully,	W. C. Davidson.

CONFERENCE.	FINANCE.	COLPORTAGE.
Alabama,	R. O. Simpson,	A. J. Lamar,
Arkansas,	C. E. Wilson,	J. M. Jenkins,
Baltimore,	A. E. Huddleston,	T. T. Hishburne,
Brazil Mission,	H. Lindenberg,	H. Lindenberg,
Central Mexico Miss.,	S. G. Figueroa,	S. G. Figueroa,
China Mission,	Y. J. Allen,	Y. J. Allen,
Columbia,	W. L. Cobb,	W. L. Cobb,
Denver,	R. E. Rice,	R. E. Rice,
East Columbia,	W. C. Howard,	W. C. Howard,
Florida,	W. M. Boswell,	J. W. Knight,
German Mission,	C. H. Beneke,	P. H. Bensch,
Holston,	W. P. Dungan,	J. W. Penn,
Illinois,	J. W. Westcott,	S. S. Vick,
Indian Mission,	C. M. Culpepper,	S. J. Lamar,
Japan Mission,	S. H. Wainright,	M. Matsumoto,
Kentucky,	W. W. Ball,	W. F. Taylor,
Little Rock,	W. R. Ramsey,	J. E. Godbey,
Los Angeles,	J. B. Glover,	E. P. Ryland,
Louisiana,	W. W. Carré,	E. W. Tucker,
Louisville,	J. L. Wheat,	J. J. Tigert,
Memphis,	B. H. Scott,	B. H. Scott,
Mexican Border Miss.,	F. C. Campbell,	S. Tafolla,
Mississippi,	E. J. Bowers,	A. G. Norvell,
Missouri,	J. E. Leavell,	J. E. Leavell,
Montana,		
New Mexico,	J. T. French,	J. T. French,
North Alabama,	Dan Collier,	H. C. Howard,
North Carolina,	J. F. Bruton,	J. D. Pegram,
North Georgia,	E. W. Martin,	J. T. Duncan,
North Mississippi,	G. J. Leftwich,	J. S. Lagrone,
North Texas,	Sid. Bass,	W. C. Everett,
N. W. Mexican Miss.,	L. Reynolds,	S. I. Esquivel,
Northwest Texas,	N. G. Rollins,	W. S. Scott,
Pacific,	G. V. Northey,	J. E. Moore,
South Carolina,	F. H. Hyatt,	P. A. Hodges,
South Georgia,	M. C. Austin,	W. A. Covington,
Southwest Missouri,	Samuel Orr,	H. G. Healey,
St. Louis,	A. R. Byrd,	P. E. Genoway,
Tennessee,	R. P. McLean,	W. R. Lambuth,
Texas,	T. S. Garrison,	J. W. Downs,
Virginia,	J. P. Branch,	T. J. Barham,
West Texas,	G. G. Johnson,	W. J. Johnson,
Western,	J. B. Starns,	J. B. Starns,
Western N. Carolina,	J. S. Martin,	J. L. Nelson,
Western Virginia,	M. W. Thomas,	T. S. Wade,
White River,	R. Gully,	J. M. Jardis.

NOTE.—Changes in the standing committees are recorded in the Journal following.—*Editor.*

The Conferences were called for resolutions, and the following were introduced:

MAY 4.
SECOND DAY.

Resolutions.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—A resolution to enlarge the functions of the Annual Conference: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A resolution giving presiding elders' substitutes authority to preside over Quarterly Conferences: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning the qualifications of General Conference members: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution to amend Rule 3 of the Rules of Order: referred to the Committee on Rules. A resolution on changing the form of minute questions in Annual Conference business: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution proposing to change Question 29 of the Annual

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Resolutions.

Conference business: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—A resolution on the consolidation and improvement of Church papers: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution relating to an increase in the membership of the General Board of Education: referred to the Committee on Education.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning District Conferences: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution concerning receiving expelled ministers: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution concerning a branch publishing house: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. A resolution concerning the business of the Quarterly Conference: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution concerning membership in the District Conference: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning the time limit: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A resolution concerning temperance in the Canal zone: referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The following resolution was presented by W. R. Lambuth, of the Tennessee Conference:

Whereas, the General Conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, now in session in Memphis, Tenn., represents a great Christian body, in whom we are peculiarly interested,

Resolved, That the following telegram be sent by the Secretary in behalf of this Conference:

"BIRMINGHAM, ALA., May 4, 1906.

"General Conference Colored M. E. Church, Memphis, Tenn.

"The God of Peace be with you in all the fullness of his wisdom, grace, and power."

(Signed.)

W. R. LAMBUTH,
W. F. TILLET.

On motion, the rules were suspended and the resolution was adopted.

The call of Conferences was resumed.

A resolution from members of the Virginia Conference, concerning the consolidation of periodical literature, was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Greetings to
the General
Conference
of the Col-
ored M. E.
Church.

Call for reso-
lutions re-
sumed.

Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, presented the report of the Book Committee.

G. C. Rankin, of the North Texas Conference, moved that the report be read, and the motion prevailed.

Pending the reading of the report, the Chair announced the Committee on Federation as follows:

COMMITTEE ON FEDERATION.—Collins Denny, O. E. Brown, J. R. Nelson, J. J. N. Kenney, M. L. Walton, G. D. Shands, Isaac Hardeman.

The Chair also announced the Committee on American Bible Society as follows:

COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.—C. M. Bishop, R. H. Bennett, M. L. Carlisle, F. P. Culver, S. I. Esquivel, J. T. Smith, W. W. Carré.

G. D. Shands, a lay delegate from the North Mississippi Conference, was recognized and seated.

Bishop Candler took the chair.

Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, read the report of the Book Committee and the Book Agents.

Bishop Duncan resumed the chair.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved that the report of the Book Committee and the Book Agents be made a matter of record and referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests, and the motion prevailed.

John R. Nelson, of the Northwest Texas Conference, presented the following resolutions which, on motion, were adopted:

Whereas, Dr. Young J. Allen, a member of this General Conference, has been our successful and distinguished missionary in China for forty-seven years; and

Whereas, China is our oldest and most difficult mission field, and at this time is especially interesting to the Church at home; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That Dr. Allen be and is hereby invited to address the General Conference on China and mission work in that empire.

Resolved, 2. That at 11 A.M. to-morrow, Saturday, May 5, be made the order of the day to hear his address on this subject.

JOHN R. NELSON, R. S. HYER.
W. ERSKINE WILLIAMS, W. R. LAMBUTH.
SETH WARD,

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SECOND DAY.

Motion to read Report of Book Committee prevails.

Committee on Federation announced.

Committee on American Bible Society.

G. D. Shands seated.

Bishop Candler presides, Reading report of Book Committee.

Bishop Duncan resumes chair. Book Committee's report referred.

Dr. Young J. Allen to address Conference.

**MAY 4.
SECOND DAY.**

Report of
Board of
Missions re-
ferred.

W. R. Lambuth, of the Tennessee Conference, presented the Quadrennial Report of the Board of Missions. The report was received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

Report of
Epworth
League
Board
referred.

H. M. Du Bose, of the Mississippi Conference, presented two copies of the Report of the Epworth League Board, one of which was referred to the Committee on Epworth League, and the other to the Committee on Missions.

Report of
Sunday-
school
Board re-
ferred.

James Atkins, of the Western North Carolina Conference, presented the Quadrennial Report of the Sunday-school Board, and it was referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Report of
Board of
Education
referred.

J. D. Hammond, of the North Georgia Conference, presented the Quadrennial Report of the Board of Education, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Changes in
committees.

The following changes were made in the committees in the Central Mexico Mission Conference: F. S. Onderdonk on the Committee on Boundaries, and S. G. Figueroa on the Committee on Epworth League.

Adjournment.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved that the Conference adjourn, and the motion prevailed.

The doxology was sung, and Bishop Duncan pronounced the benediction.

**MAY 5.
THIRD DAY.**

Conference
meets.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1906.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Duncan in the chair.

Religious
services.

Religious services were conducted by Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, who read the thirty-fourth Psalm, announced hymn No. 313,

O thou, who camest from above,
The pure celestial fire t' impart,

and led in prayer.

Minutes read.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Brown and
Hyatt
seated.

J. G. Brown, a lay delegate from the North Carolina Conference, was recognized and seated.

F. H. Hyatt, a lay delegate from the South Carolina Conference, was recognized and seated.

Bishop Gal-
loway pre-
sides

Bishop Galloway took the chair.

Leave of absence was granted Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, for part of Monday's session.

The standing committees reported their organization as follows:

COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY.—Paul Whitehead, Chairman; W. L. Nelms, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY.—B. F. Lipscomb, Chairman; J. H. McCoy, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON REVISALS.—Gross Alexander, Chairman; Z. T. Bennett, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.—W. B. Palmore, Chairman; E. B. Chappell, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.—R. G. Waterhouse, Chairman; John M. Moore, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION.—W. F. McMurry, Chairman; T. B. King, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.—O. E. Brown, Chairman; J. W. Perry, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES.—J. H. McLean, Chairman; J. B. Scott, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.—E. B. Chappell, Chairman; P. S. Rader, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—J. R. Pepper, Chairman; George M. Napier, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON EPWORTH LEAGUE.—J. M. Barcus, Chairman; S. B. Cresap, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.—Bishop C. B. Galloway, Chairman; C. H. Briggs, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.—T. S. Garrison, Chairman; George J. Leftwich, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON COLPORTAGE.—W. R. Lambuth, Chairman; H. C. Howard, Secretary.

The Local Committee, through J. A. Duncan, Chairman, made an announcement concerning the entertainment of the delegates.

Leave of absence was granted W. E. Williams, of the Northwest Texas Conference.

Under the call for reports of special committees, the following report was presented as Report No. 1 of the Committee on Credentials:

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THIRD DAY.

Paul Whitehead granted leave.

Organization of standing committees.

Entertainment of delegates.

W. E. Williams granted leave.

Report No. 1 on Credentials.

MAY 5.
THIRD DAY.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS, REPORT NO. 1.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session in Birmingham, Alabama, May 4, 1906.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Your Committee and Credentials have had before us the case referred to us by you relative to James Thomas, a clerical delegate from the Little Rock Conference, and report that, after due consideration, we find no ground for contesting his seat in your body.

(Signed.)

W. L. NELMS, *Chairman.*

R. H. MAHON, *Secretary.*

Rules sus-
pended, and
report
adopted.

W. L. Nelms, of the Northwest Texas Conference, moved the suspension of the rules in order to the immediate consideration of the report.

The rules were suspended.

On motion, the report was adopted as read.

Report No. 1
on Fraternal
Correspond-
ence
adopted.

H. M. Du Bose, of the Mississippi Conference, presented Report No. 1 of the special committee on Fraternal Correspondence and Introductions; and, on motion, the rules were suspended and the report adopted, as follows:

**COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE
AND INTRODUCTIONS, REPORT NO. 1.**

Resolved, That Friday evening, the 11th inst., beginning at eight o'clock, be set apart as a time for hearing the Fraternal Delegates of the Methodist Episcopal Church, that the place of audience be the main auditorium of the First Church, and that when the Conference adjourns Friday morning, it adjourn to meet at 8 P.M.

(Signed.)

H. M. DU BOSE, *Chairman.*

H. N. SNYDER, *Secretary.*

Rev. Dr.
Sparling
introduced

The Chair introduced to the Conference the Rev. Dr. J. W. Sparling, Fraternal Messenger from the Methodist Church of Canada.

Committee on
Sabbath
Observance
to be
appointed.

S. B. Turrentine, of the Western North Carolina Conference, moved that a special committee of seven be appointed on Sabbath Observance, and the motion prevailed.

T. J. Barham
seated.

Thomas J. Barham, a lay delegate from the Virginia Conference, was recognized and seated.

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morial, and
petitions.

The roll of the Conferences was called for appeals, memorial, and petitions, and the following were presented:

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning Church newspapers: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. A memorial from Pleasant Grove Church, Green Circuit, concerning boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries. A memorial concerning dispensary officers: referred to the Committee on Temperance.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries. A memorial concerning juvenile societies: referred to the Committee on Missions.

JAPAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning the removal of the time limit: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning lay representation: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial concerning Sunday-school publications: referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.—An appeal in the case of J. S. Hawkins: referred to the Committee on Appeals.

LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.—A memorial suggesting a change of paragraph 355 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning the relation of baptized children to the Church: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning Conference evangelists: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A memorial on the removal of the time limit: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A memorial concerning the nomination of stewards by the Church Conference: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning the licensing of preachers: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning the Home Mission Society: referred to the Committee on Missions. A memorial on tracts: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial proposing the consolidation of the Woman's Foreign Mis-

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sionary Society and the Woman's Home Mission Society: referred to the Committee on Missions. A memorial concerning boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries. A memorial concerning a new publishing house in Dallas, Texas: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. A memorial from the Brownwood District concerning boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.—A memorial from the Poplar Bluff District Conference concerning the time limit: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A memorial from the Poplar Bluff District Conference concerning evangelists: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A memorial on church extension and city missions: referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—A memorial from the Methodist Preachers' Meeting of Nashville on lay representation: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial from the Nashville Methodist Preachers' Meeting on the administration of baptism by unordained preachers: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial on the funds for superannuated preachers: referred to the Committee on Finance. A memorial on Epworth Leagues: referred to the Committee on Epworth League. A memorial concerning the Sunday-school Secretary: referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools. A memorial concerning the American Bible Society: referred to the Committee on the American Bible Society. A memorial concerning statistical tables: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, chairman of the Committee on Episcopacy, introduced a complaint from a preacher of the German Mission Conference, concerning episcopal administration, which was referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial from Beeville District Conference concerning the American Bible Society: referred to the special committee on the American Bible Society.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A memorial on Sabbath observance: referred to the special

committee on Sabbath Observance. A memorial concerning the installation of stewards: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

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The Chair announced the following as the Committee on Sabbath Observance: S. B. Turrentine, John Anderson, J. W. Hill, W. F. Glenn, Willis Carlisle, J. W. Grandy, M. Matsumoto.

Committee on
Sabbath
Observance
announced.

The roll of the Conferences was called for resolutions, and the following were presented:

Resolutions.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning certain changes in the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution suggesting certain changes in the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution suggesting certain changes in the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution suggesting certain changes in the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution providing for the instruction of children for Church membership: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A resolution suggesting certain changes in the Ritual: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution concerning unordained preachers and the administration of the sacraments: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning Children's Day Fund: referred to the Committee on Education. A resolution on licensing preachers: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A resolution proposing a change in Question 33 of Annual Conference business: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning Conference evangelists: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A resolution relative to presiding elders' appointees holding Quarterly Conferences: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution on lists of local preachers in Annual Conference minutes: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution concerning report of Quarterly Conference: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution suggesting changes in paragraph 99, Section II., of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution proposing to eliminate paragraph 283

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from the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning baptized children: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning Conference evangelists: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A resolution proposing to amend paragraph 412 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Colportage. A resolution concerning licensing of preachers: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution proposing an amendment to the Ritual: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution concerning the improvement and circulation of the *Christian Advocate*: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

On the official
administra-
tion of a
bishop.

A. J. Lamar, of the Alabama Conference, presented a communication from a member of the Louisiana Conference concerning the official administration of a bishop, and it was referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

Greeting from
Spartanburg
District
Conference.

The following fraternal salutation from the Spartanburg District Conference, of the South Carolina Conference, was read by the Secretary:

UNION, S. C., May 5, 1906.

Rev. J. J. Tigert, D.D., Secretary of the General Conference, Birmingham, Ala.

The Spartanburg District Conference, of the South Carolina Conference, extends greeting to the General Conference, and prays the Great Head of the Church to give direction and blessing to all the work of your body.

(Signed.)

S. B. HARPER, *Secretary*.

Made matter
of record
and
response.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved that it be made a matter of record, and that the Secretary make a suitable response; and the motion prevailed.

Appointments
for preach-
ing.

The Committee on Public Worship announced the following appointments for preaching Sunday, May 6:

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

First Church—Bishop E. R. Hendrix, 11 A.M.; Collins Denny, 8 P.M.; W. H. Sheppard, F.R.G.S., 3 P.M.

Five Points—Bishop E. E. Hoss, 11 A.M.; W. R. Lambuth, 8 P.M.

St. John's—Bishop J. S. Key, 11 A.M.; J. B. Robins, 8 P.M.

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for preach-
ing.

Eleventh Avenue—Bishop H. C. Morrison, 11 A.M.; E. B. Chappell, 8 P.M.

Fountain Heights—W. B. Murrah, 11 A.M.; J. C. Kilgo, 8 P.M.

Wesley Chapel—G. C. Rankin, 11 A.M.; W. F. McMurry, 8 P.M.

Twenty-first Avenue—George R. Stuart, 11 A.M.; A. F. Watkins, 8 P.M.

Mount Vernon—Bishop Charles B. Galloway, 11 A.M.; J. H. Stevenson, 8 P.M.

East Birmingham—H. M. Du Bose, 11 A.M.; J. W. Heidt, 8 P.M.

West End—J. H. Eakes, 11 A.M.; Gross Alexander, 8 P.M.

Bessemer—H. M. Hamill, 11 A.M.; W. B. Palmore, 8 P.M.

Pratt City—Bascom Anthony, 11 A.M.; J. R. Nelson, 8 P.M.

Ensley—Fitzgerald S. Parker, 11 A.M.; S. R. Hay, 8 P.M.

Owenton—J. H. Stevenson, 11 A.M.; John A. Kern, 8 P.M.

Avondale—T. W. Lewis, 11 A.M.; O. F. Sensabaugh, 8 P.M.

Woodlawn—R. G. Waterhouse, 11 A.M.; T. W. Adams, 8 P.M.

East Lake—J. M. Barcus, 11 A.M.; C. S. McCausland, 8 P.M.

Trinity—C. M. Bishop, 11 A.M.; T. S. Wheeler, 8 P.M.

St. Paul—W. L. Nelms, 11 A.M.; L. W. Moore, 8 P.M.

Fairview—W. B. Andrews, 11 A.M.; T. N. Ivey, 8 P.M.

Elyton—W. F. Lloyd, 11 A.M.; R. W. Tucker, 8 P.M.

Ninth Street—J. L. Kennedy, 11 A.M.; J. S. Lamar, 8 P.M.

Newman Chapel—H. A. Boaz, 11 A.M.; W. S. Lagrone, 8 P.M.

Gadsden—W. C. Lovett, 11 A.M.

Warrior—F. S. Onderdonk, 11 A.M.

Patten Chapel—H. C. Howard, 11 A.M.

BAPTISTS.

First Baptist—J. J. Tigert, 11 A.M.; Young J. Allen, 8 P.M.

Woodlawn Baptist—E. P. Ryland, 11 A.M.; H. M. Blair, 8 P.M.

Park Avenue—J. T. Curry, 11 A.M.

South Side Baptist—E. O. Watson, 11 A.M.; A. J. Lamar, 8 P.M.

Ensley Baptist—J. W. Brown, 11 A.M.; J. G. Putman, 8 P.M.

PRESBYTERIAN.

First Presbyterian—Bishop W. A. Candler, 11 A.M.; W. F. Tillett, 8 P.M.

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ing.

Central Presbyterian—W. E. Thompson, 11 A.M.; Mark L. Carlisle, 8 P.M.
 Ensley Presbyterian—R. H. Bennett, 11 A.M.; J. W. Brown, 8 P.M.
 South Highlands Presbyterian—James Atkins, 11 A.M.; J. S. Frazer, 8 P.M.
 Third Presbyterian—W. N. Ainsworth, 11 A.M.; T. E. Sharp, 8 P.M.
 Westminster Presbyterian—J. M. Moore, 11 A.M.; B. P. Allen, 8 P.M.
 Second Presbyterian Church—S. D. Long, 11 A.M.

CHRISTIAN.

Christian Church—Seth Ward, 11 A.M.; J. W. Daniel, 8 P.M.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN.

Cumberland Presbyterian—W. J. Young, 11 A.M.; G. B. Winton, 8 P.M.
 Ensley Cumberland Presbyterian—J. W. Perry, 11 A.M.; J. J. N. Kenney, 8 P.M.

M. E. CHURCH.

Simpson Memorial Methodist Episcopal—J. A. Burrow, 11 A.M.; B. D. Sipple, 8 P.M.

Y. M. C. A.

Jefferson Theater—George R. Stuart, 3 P.M.
 Fountain Heights Sunday School—J. W. Court.

The calendar was taken up.

Report No. 1
Committee
on Rules
adopted.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Rules was presented, and, on motion, it was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON RULES, REPORT NO. 1.

The Committee on Rules has had under consideration a paper signed A. F. Watkins and F. S. Parker, requesting that Rule 6 be amended by substituting the word "triplicate" for "duplicate," so as to read: "Every resolution shall be in writing, and in triplicate, signed by at least two members; and every substitute or amendment, and every report of a committee, shall be in writing and in triplicate."

Your committee respectfully recommends nonconurrence, believing that it is impracticable, if not unreasonable, in the exigencies of debate, to require each member to prepare three copies of his paper before it would be

in order to offer it. Likewise that it would hardly be just to ask the chairmen and secretaries of committees to prepare their reports in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted:

JNO. J. TIGERT, *Chairman.*

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Z. T. Bennett, of the White River Conference, moved that the Conference now take a recess until eleven o'clock, and the motion prevailed.

Recess taken.

After the recess, the Conference came to order with Bishop Galloway in the chair.

Bishop Galloway presides.

Bishop Galloway, in a few appropriate remarks, introduced Dr. Young J. Allen, our veteran missionary to China, who, with the wisdom and foresight of statesmanship, addressed the Conference on China and the Church's relation to that country.

Dr. Allen's introduction and address.

After the address, the Conference joined in the singing of the hymn, "The Crowning Day Is Coming."

John O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference, read the following resolutions, which were, on motion, unanimously adopted:

Appeal for justice to the peoples of the Orient.

Resolved, 1. That the Conference has heard with pleasure and profit the impressive and instructive address of our distinguished missionary, the Rev. Dr. Young J. Allen.

Resolved, 2. That the Conference and our Church are profoundly interested in the great empire of China and all its people.

Resolved, 3. That this body respectfully request of the authorities of our Christian country such interpretation of existing laws as will not allow injustice or discourtesy to Japanese or Chinese merchants, teachers, students, and others of good class, who may seek to visit our territory; and further request that our dealings with the Orient be inspired by due regard for the welfare of those peoples, as well as for the safety of our own land.

The Willson resolutions as adopted.

Resolved, 4. That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by the Secretary to the President of the United States.

(Signed.)

JOHN O. WILLSON,
J. H. KIRKLAND,
H. B. REAMS.

John M. Barcus, of the Northwest Texas Conference, moved that the Conference do now adjourn, and the motion prevailed.

Adjournment

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The doxology was sung, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Sparling, of the Methodist Church of Canada.

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Conference
meets.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Galloway in the chair.

Religious
services.

Religious services were conducted by T. W. Adams, of the Mississippi Conference, who read a part of Ephesians iv., announced hymn No. 180,

All hail the power of Jesus' name,
Let angels prostrate fall,

which was sung by the Conference, and led in prayer.

Minutes
approved.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

H. H. White
seated.

The attendance of H. H. White, a lay delegate from the Louisiana Conference, was noted; he was recognized and seated.

C. H. Duty
seated.

The attendance of C. H. Duty, a lay delegate from the Kentucky Conference, was noted, and he was recognized and seated.

J. O. Willson
corrects his
resolution.

J. O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference, asked unanimous consent to introduce the word "students" in his resolution of Saturday's session, and permission was granted.

Bishop Hend-
rix presides.
E. J. Bowers
and L. K.
Hart grant-
ed leave of
absence, and
J. L. Parkes
seated.

Bishop Hendrix took the chair.

Changes in
standing
committees.

Leave of absence was granted E. J. Bowers and L. K. Hart; and J. L. Parkes, an alternate lay delegate from the Tennessee Conference, was seated in place of L. K. Hart.

The following changes were made in the assignment of members to the standing committees:

CHURCH EXTENSION.—T. J. Nixon in place of J. P. Hilburn, from the Florida Conference; T. F. Brewer in place of N. L. Linebaugh, from the Indian Mission Conference.

PUBLISHING INTERESTS.—E. W. Martin in place of J. H. Eakes, from the North Georgia Conference.

MISSIONS.—N. L. Linebaugh in place of T. F. Brewer, from the Indian Mission Conference.

TEMPERANCE.—V. M. West in place of G. G. Johnson, from the West Texas Conference.

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Documents referred to the various standing committees and special committees were distributed by the Secretary.

Secretary distributes documents.

The following additional appointments, which were not included in the report of the Committee on Public Worship, were reported as having been filled yesterday:

Additional preaching appointments.

West End Presbyterian—C. H. Briggs, 11 A.M.; W. A. Cooper, 8 P.M.

A response to the greeting sent to the General Conference Colored Methodist Episcopal Church was read as follows:

Response from Colored M. E. Church placed on record.

MEMPHIS, TENN., May 7, 1906.

General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Birmingham, Ala.

God is with us. Read Philippians iv. 23.

(Signed.)

F. M. HAMILTON.

On motion of Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, the response was placed on record.

The Secretary read a communication from the Interchurch Conference on Federation. On motion of Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, it was referred to the special committee on Federation.

Paper from Interchurch Conference on Federation read and referred.

The list of special committees was called.

Special committees called.
Report No. 2 Committee on Rules adopted.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Rules was presented, and, on motion of W. L. Nelms, of the Northwest Texas Conference, the rules were suspended and the report placed upon its passage.

The report was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON RULES, REPORT NO. 2.

1. Your committee have had before them a resolution signed by John R. Pepper and W. E. Thompson, asking "that the floor of the Conference be granted to connec-tional officers who are not members of the General Conference."

Your committee unanimously recommend nonconcur-rence. The purity of the strictly delegated and representa-tive character of the General Conference, every member of which stands for a defined constituency, would be vio-lated by such action, which would set a wide and dan-gerous precedent and constitute, if not an abusive pro-

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cedure, one liable to abuse. The General Conference has never proved deficient in courtesy, however, and, in the case of any connectional officer, not a member of the General Conference, we have no doubt the Conference will always cheerfully grant the privilege of the floor for purposes of communication concerning the interests committed to said officer's charge.

2. Your committee have also carefully considered a resolution signed by W. E. Arnold, E. G. B. Mann, W. F. Taylor, and W. W. Ball, asking that Rule 3 of our Rules of Order be amended by inserting after the word "time" the words "unless their appointment be otherwise provided by vote of the Conference," so that it shall read, "Special committees ordered by the Conference shall be appointed by the bishop presiding at the time, unless the appointment be otherwise provided by vote of the Conference."

Your committee unanimously recommend nonconcurrence. The addition to the rule is unnecessary; your committee being likewise of the unanimous opinion that the General Conference is competent to insert the name of a committee, if it so desires, in the resolution providing for the same.

3. Your committee have also carefully considered the following paper:

"Resolved, That all reports of committees be printed, paged, and folded with numbered lines, and laid in the seats of members at least one day before being acted upon by the Conference.

"B. F. LIPSCOMB,

"J. C. REED,

"R. T. WILSON,"

We unanimously recommend nonconcurrence; the publication in the *Daily Advocate*, in our judgment, sufficiently answering the ends sought to be gained, and the impracticability of the rule having been demonstrated by trial in the last General Conference.

(Signed.)

JNO. J. TIGERT, *Chairman*.

Report No. 2
on Fraternal
Correspondence
adopted.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence and Introductions was presented and read.

On motion, the rules were suspended, and the report was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE AND INTRODUCTIONS, REPORT NO. 2.

Resolved, That Tuesday evening next, beginning at eight o'clock, be designated as the time for hearing the Fraternal

Delegate from the Methodist Church of Canada, and that when we adjourn Tuesday it be to meet at eight o'clock P.M.

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(Signed.) H. M. DU BOSE, R. W. MILLSAPS,
COLLINS DENNY, H. N. SNYDER,
G. C. RANKIN, Committee.

The list of standing committees was called.

Standing committees called.
Report No. 1 on Boundaries read and recommitted.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Boundaries was presented and read, and went to the calendar.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, moved that the rules be suspended in order that the report might be immediately considered.

The motion of J. H. McLean was withdrawn, and the report was recommitted, on motion of B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference.

Report No. 1 of the special committee on the American Bible Society was presented and read.

Report No. 1 on American Bible Society adopted.

On motion of Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, the rules were suspended, and the report adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY, REPORT NO. 1.

We recommend that the evening of Monday, May 14, be set apart for a mass meeting in the interest of the American Bible Society, to be addressed by the Rev. Dr. W. I. Haven, of New York, Bishop A. W. Wilson, and Chancellor J. H. Kirkland.

(Signed.) C. M. BISHOP, *Chairman.*
Z. T. BENNETT, *Secretary.*

A communication from the Sunday League was presented. By consent, the paper was referred to the special committee on Sabbath Observance.

Paper from Sunday League referred.

The roll of Conferences was called for appeals, petitions, and memorials, and the following were introduced:

Appeals, memorials, and petitions.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A memorial on the burial service: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—A petition concerning the baptism of children: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial concerning boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries. A memorial from the Chattanooga Preachers' Association on enlarging presiding elders' districts: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

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KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—A memorial from the Woman's Home Mission Board on the union of Missionary Boards: referred to the Committee on Missions. A memorial from the Woman's Board of Home Missions concerning change in constitution: referred to the Committee on Missions.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—A memorial from the Cherokee District Conference concerning Conference Boards of Education: referred to the Committee on Education. A memorial from the Cherokee District Conference concerning church extension: referred to the Committee on Church Extension. A memorial from the Cherokee District Conference on Sunday-school missionary societies: referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools. A memorial from the Cherokee District Conference concerning revenue from the sale of Sunday-school periodicals: referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools. A memorial from the Cherokee District Conference concerning the use of tobacco and narcotics by preachers: referred to the Committee on Temperance. A memorial from the Weatherford District Conference concerning change of name of Conference: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning the change of form of church letters: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.—A memorial from the stewards of Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans, on the removal of the time limit: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A petition from the stewards of the Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans, for the investigation of the official administration of Bishop H. C. Morrison: referred to the Committee on Episcopacy. A memorial from L. C. Calhoun, Summerfield, Ala., asking for definition of a phrase in the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—A memorial from Madison Heights Church and Pastors' Association of Memphis concerning hospitals: referred to the Committee on Missions. A memorial concerning duties of committees of admission into Annual Conferences: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial concerning

financial assistance: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A memorial from the Cuba Mission for the government of missions: referred to the Committee on Missions.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial from the Waco District concerning colportage: referred to the Committee on Colportage. A memorial from the Brownwood pastoral charge concerning boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries. A memorial from Talpa Circuit concerning boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries. A memorial from the Clarendon District Conference concerning the formation of a new Conference: referred to the Committee on Boundaries. A memorial from the Clarendon District Conference concerning boundary lines: referred to the Committee on Boundaries. A memorial from Amarillo station concerning boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning the Superannuate Endowment Fund: referred to the Committee on Finance.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A memorial from the Charleston District Conference concerning the ritual for baptism: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.—A memorial from the Poplar Bluff District concerning amendment of the ritual for baptism: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial from the St. Louis District concerning the administration of sacraments: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial from the St. Louis District concerning revisal of the ritual: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial from the St. Louis District concerning revisal of the Ritual: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—A memorial from the Nashville Preachers' Meeting concerning examining committees: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—A petition relating to the Anti-Saloon League: referred to the Committee on Temperance.

B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, introduced a communication for the Committee on Itiner-

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ancy, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

By consent, a memorial from the Board of Missions concerning the Sunday-school missionary society was introduced and referred to the Committee on Missions. A memorial from the Board of Missions concerning the missionary education of young people was introduced and referred to the Committee on Missions.

Resolutions.

The roll of Conferences was called for resolutions, and the following were presented:

BRAZIL MISSION CONFERENCE.—A resolution to amend the Twenty-third Article of Religion: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.—A resolution to amend the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—A resolution on Christian education: referred to the Committee on Education.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—A resolution on Sunday-school districts: referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools. A resolution on postal card notices of removal of Church members: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. A resolution on removal of the time limit: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—A resolution on salaries of bishops: referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution on aid for disabled local supplies: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A resolution on appointment of students to educational institutions: referred to the Committee on Education. A resolution to amend the ritual for infant baptism: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution on modern discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—A resolution on revised doctrinal statement.

On motion of W. F. Tillett, of the Tennessee Conference, a special committee of three was provided for the consideration of this paper, and the paper was so referred.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution on authority

of Annual Conference Mission Boards: referred to the Committee on Missions.

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TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A resolution to create the office of assistant superintendent of Sunday schools: referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution on the ordination of preachers on trial: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A resolution on boundary lines: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

The Chair announced the following as a special committee on the resolution concerning new statement of the doctrinal faith of Methodism: W. F. Tillett, W. R. Lambuth, and C. W. Carter.

Committee on new statement of the faith.

J. D. Hammond, of the North Georgia Conference, made a statement concerning the Educational Exhibit.

The Educational Exhibit.

A. F. Watkins, of the Mississippi Conference, moved that a committee of seven Annual Conference Secretaries be appointed on the matter of statistical reports. The motion prevailed.

Committee on Statistics announced.

The Chair then announced the following Committee of Conference Secretaries on Annual Conference Statistics: A. F. Watkins, F. S. Parker, J. A. Burrow, E. O. Watson, J. J. Tigert, J. W. Heidt, and J. M. Barcus.

John G. Walker, of the North Georgia Conference, was granted leave of absence.

J. G. Walker granted leave of absence.

P. H. Hensch, of the German Mission Conference, asked that a correction be made in the statement of Paul Whitehead as to complaint against episcopal administration coming from a member of the German Mission Conference, the fact being that it was from a preacher of the Texas Conference.

Correction of Whitehead's statement.

J. M. Barcus, of the North Texas Conference, moved that all papers referring to statistical tables be referred to the special committee, and the papers that have been referred to other committees be reported to said committee. The motion prevailed.

Statistical papers referred to special committee.

By consent, J. M. Barcus was permitted to refer a resolution to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Resolution referred by consent.

W. V. Robinson, of the Western Virginia Conference, moved that the committees appointed to hold their regular meetings to-day be called to meet this morning.

Meeting of committees ordered.

J. M. Barcus moved as a substitute that only com-

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mittees appointed to meet to-morrow be permitted to meet this morning.

The substitute was accepted by the original mover, and was carried.

Young
people's
meeting
announced.

The Committee on Public Worship announced a young people's meeting for this afternoon at three o'clock.

Resolution
referred.

By consent, a resolution from the Kentucky Conference was referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Adjournment.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved that the Conference adjourn, and the motion prevailed.

The doxology was sung, the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Hendrix, and the Conference adjourned.

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Conference
meets.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Hendrix in the chair.

Religious
services.

Religious services were conducted by E. P. Ryland, of the Los Angeles Conference.

Minutes
approved.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Bishop Key
presides.
James Suther-
land
seated.

Bishop Key took the chair.

James Sutherland, a lay delegate from the Pacific Conference, was recognized and seated.

M. D. Fields
granted
leave of
absence.
Report of
standing
committees.

M. D. Fields, a lay delegate from the Texas Conference, was granted leave of absence.

The roll of the standing committees was called for reports, and the following were presented:

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Itinerancy was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Revisals was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Education was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Missions was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Epworth League was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Finance was read and placed on the calendar.

Response
from J. C.
Berryman.

The Secretary read the following response to the greetings sent to the venerable J. C. Berryman:

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J. J. Tigert, Secretary General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Birmingham, Ala.

Greeting most highly appreciated. Please convey to Conference and Church at large father's benediction, with the assurance that he is still preaching from that grand text, Job xix. 25.

(Signed.)

J. W. BERRYMAN.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved that this response be made a matter of record, and the motion prevailed.

Made matter of record.

The Secretary also read a memorial from the International Typographical Union.

Memorial from Typographical Union referred.

On motion of J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, it was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

The Secretary presented also a communication from the State Medical Society of Maryland, which, on motion of Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Paper from Medical Society of Maryland referred.

W. B. Murrah, of the North Mississippi Conference, presented his report as Fraternal Messenger to the Methodist Church of Canada. It was read by the Secretary and made matter of record as follows:

Report of W. B. Murrah, Fraternal Messenger, placed on record.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: By authority of the General Conference of 1902, the College of Bishops appointed me as Fraternal Messenger to the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Canada. In September of the same year that distinguished body met in the city of Winnipeg, Manitoba. On the evening of the 9th of that month I was received with the utmost cordiality as your representative, and had the privilege of delivering your fraternal salutations in the presence of a large audience.

The courtesies extended to me, as your representative, were all that could be asked or desired.

By formal resolution, and by generous words spoken by eminent members of the Conference, the most gratifying evidence was given of approval of the sentiments I had the honor to express; and I was asked to convey to you in return their loving greetings.

Very respectfully,

W. B. MURRAH, *Fraternal Delegate.*

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Report of General Board of Trustees.

Appeals, memorials, and petitions.

The Secretary presented the report of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and it was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The roll of the Conferences was called for appeals, memorials, and petitions, and the following were presented:

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning the Board of Trustees of Vanderbilt University: referred to the Committee on Education.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.—A memorial from Tallahassee District Conference concerning District Boards of Missions and Church Extension: referred to the Committee on Missions.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—A petition proposing certain changes in the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—A memorial on the change of the Conference name: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning the removal of preachers: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—A memorial suggesting certain changes in the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Finance. A memorial from the Board of Trustees on certain changes in the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Finance.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning the constitution of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society: referred to the Committee on Missions. A memorial on episcopal residences: referred to the Committee on Episcopacy. A memorial from Mulberry Street Quarterly Conference, Macon, Ga., relative to the time limit: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A memorial protesting against the removal of the time limit: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning financial plans: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial from the St. Louis District Conference on a graded course of Sunday-school study: referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools. A memorial from the St. Louis District Conference relative to evangelists: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A memorial

from the St. Louis District Conference concerning the time limit: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A memorial from the St. Louis District Conference concerning trustees: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A memorial from the Thayer Church, St. Louis Conference, concerning boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

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petitions.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—A memorial from members of the Tennessee Conference on Conference Missionary Secretaries: referred to the Committee on Missions.

The following were presented by the Board of Missions:

A memorial from the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions: referred to the Committee on Missions. A memorial concerning the union of Woman's Missionary Societies: referred to the Committee on Missions. A memorial concerning Boards of Missions: referred to the Committee on Missions.

The roll of the Conferences was called for resolutions, and the following were presented: Resolutions.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.—A resolution suggesting the change of paragraph 77 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A resolution concerning paragraphs 426 and 428 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.—A resolution relative to the time limit: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A resolution concerning blanks for trustees' reports: referred to the special committee on Statistics.

GERMAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning the federation of the German work: referred to the Committee on Federation.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—A resolution proposing a change in the Ritual: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—A resolution on official handbook: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning minute questions for the District Conference: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—A resolution on educational

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statistics: referred to the special committee on statistics.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A resolution on the care of superannuated preachers: referred to the Committee on Finance.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A resolution proposing to amend paragraph 453 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning missionary bishops: referred to the Committee on Episcopacy. A resolution on temperance: referred to the Committee on Temperance.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning the salaries of bishops: referred to the Committee on Episcopacy. A resolution proposing to change the composition of the Annual Conference: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution changing paragraph 323 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning the order of worship: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution to fix the place of residence of bishops: referred to the Committee on Episcopacy. A resolution on General Conference Districts: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning Epworth Leagues: referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.—A resolution proposing to change paragraph 77, Answer 10, of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Motion to consider temperance resolution fails.

J. M. Morse, of the Mississippi Conference, moved the suspension of the rules in order to immediate consideration of the resolution on temperance.

The vote was taken. A division was called for, and the motion did not prevail, there being 142 votes cast in the affirmative and 76 in the negative.

Papers on calendar may be taken up.

B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, moved the suspension of Rule 20 of the Rules of Order, so that papers placed on the calendar may be taken up for immediate consideration; and the motion prevailed.

M. O. Hughes, a lay delegate from the Louisville Conference, was recognized and seated.

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By consent, W. E. Arnold, of the Kentucky Conference, presented a report from the Woman's Board of Home Missions relative to deaconess work, and it was referred to the Committee on Revisals.

M. O. Hughes seated.
Report on deaconess work presented.

The Rev. Dinsdale T. Young, Fraternal Messenger from the British Wesleyan Connection, was introduced to the Conference.

Rev. Dinsdale T. Young introduced.

By consent, a memorial was presented from the Southwest Missouri Conference concerning statistical blanks. Referred to the Committee on Statistical Blanks.

Memorial on statistical blanks.

By consent, the Quadrennial Report of the Board of Church Extension was presented by W. F. McMurry, of the St. Louis Conference, and referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

Report on Church Extension submitted.

The calendar was taken up.

Calendar taken up.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Itinerancy was read.

Report No. 1 on Itinerancy discussed and recommended.

Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, moved that the report be taken up item by item, and the motion prevailed.

R. G. Waterhouse, of the Holston Conference, moved that the word "concur" be substituted for the word "nonconcur."

W. H. Samford, of the Alabama Conference, moved that the report be recommitted.

Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, arose to the point of order that the reading of the paper had not been completed, and, therefore, the motion to recommit was not in order. The point of order was not sustained.

The motion to recommit prevailed, and the entire report was recommitted.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Revisals was read, as follows:

Report No. 1 on Revisals read.

COMMITTEE ON REVISALS, REPORT NO 1.

Your Committee on Revisals have had under consideration memorials from the Marion District Conference of the South Carolina Annual Conference, from the St. Louis District of the St. Louis Annual Conference, from the North Georgia Annual Conference, from the Virginia

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Annual Conference, and from the Florida Annual Conference, asking that unordained preachers in charge be authorized to administer the sacraments and celebrate the rite of matrimony. We recommend that paragraph 120, page 58, of the Discipline, be amended to read as follows:

"To preach the gospel, to celebrate the rite of matrimony and, in the absence of the presiding elder or bishop, to administer baptism, and to control the appointment of all services to be held in the churches in his charge."

(Signed.)

GROSS ALEXANDER, *Chairman.*

Z. T. BENNETT, *Secretary.*

Minority report as substitute.

The following minority report was offered as a substitute:

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Various memorials proposing that the General Conference give authority to all preachers appointed to pastoral charges to celebrate the rite of matrimony and administer the sacraments, having been duly considered by the Committee on Revisals, the undersigned offer the following as a substitute for the majority report:

"We recommend nonconcurrence in all these memorials."

(Signed.)

C. H. BRIGGS,

J. S. FRAZER,

J. E. SWEPSTON,

J. D. SIMPSON,

F. J. PRETTYMAN.

JOHN W. BOSWELL.

B. J. CASTEEL,

O. F. SENSABAUGH.

W. E. ARNOLD,

Motion to adopt substitute.

Frank Richardson, of the Holston Conference, moved the adoption of the substitute.

Burrow's amendment to the original report amended and adopted.

J. A. Burrow, of the Holston Conference, presented as an amendment to the report the following:

Amend paragraph 120, page 58, of the Discipline, to read as follows:

"To preach the gospel; to celebrate the rite of matrimony; in the absence of an elder or bishop, to administer the sacraments; and, in the absence of the presiding elder or bishop, to control the appointment of all services to be held in the churches in his charge, with the understanding that no permanent powers of ordination are conferred until the same shall be granted by the laying on of hands after he shall have met the disciplinary requirements."

J. W. Boswell, of the North Mississippi Conference, offered as an amendment to the amendment the substi-

tution of the word "baptism" instead of the words "the sacraments."

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The amendment was accepted by the mover of the original amendment.

J. B. Robins, of the North Georgia Conference, moved the previous question.

Gross Alexander, of the Louisville Conference, rose to the point of order that in such cases the call for the previous question was practically the call for the pending question; but the point was not sustained.

The Chair then asked, "Shall the question now be put?"

The motion prevailed, 161 votes having been cast in the affirmative, and the previous question was ordered.

The vote was first taken upon the amendment of J. A. Burrow, and it was adopted.

The vote was then taken upon the minority report, and it was not adopted.

Minority
report
rejected.

The vote then being taken on the original report, it was adopted as amended.

Original re-
port as
amended
adopted.

W. E. Arnold, of the Kentucky Conference, arose to a question of personal privilege, that he wished to give notice of his intention to introduce a resolution concerning the ordination of preachers on trial.

W. E. Arnold's
question of
privilege.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence and Introductions was read, and, on motion, adopted as follows:

Report No. 3
on Fraternal
Correspond-
ence
adopted.

Resolved, That Thursday evening, the 10th inst., beginning at eight o'clock, be designated as the time for hearing the Fraternal Delegate from the Wesleyan Connection; and that when we adjourn the regular session on Thursday, it be to meet in special session at the above-named hour.

H. M. DU BOSE, G. C. RANKIN.
COLLINS DENNY, R. W. MILLSAPS,
H. N. SNYDER, Committee.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Revisals, recommending a change in the Twenty-third Article of Religion, was read, and a motion made for its adoption.

Report No. 2
on Revisals
discussed
and referred
to a special
committee.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, pointed out that this could not be done, as the alteration of this Article would contravene our first restrictive rule, and moved that the paper be referred to a special committee

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of five, who shall consider the matter, and suggest the method by which the desired change may be effected.

W. E. Arnold, of the Kentucky Conference, presented a substitute.

J. A. Anderson, of the Arkansas Conference, arose to the point of order that when a motion is made to refer a matter to a committee, while an amendment may be made, an argument on the merits of the paper cannot be admitted.

The Chair did not sustain the point of order, and J. A. Anderson appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The decision of the Chair was sustained.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, moved that the substitute be laid on the table, and the motion prevailed.

The vote being taken on the motion to refer to a special committee, it was adopted.

Special committee on
Twenty-third Article
of Religion.

The Chair announced the special committee on the Twenty-third Article of Religion, as follows: J. J. Tigert, Collins Denny, J. L. Kennedy, S. H. Wainright, G. M. Napier.

Arnold's substitute referred to this committee.

W. E. Arnold, of the Kentucky Conference, moved that the substitute be taken from the table and referred to this special committee, and the motion prevailed.

Changes in standing committees.

James Sutherland, of the Pacific Conference, was put in place of G. V. Northey on the Committee on Education, and on the Committee on Epworth League in place of J. J. N. Kenney, and on the Committee on Temperance in place of J. E. Moore, and on the Committee on Colportage in place of J. E. Moore.

E. G. Moseley seated.

E. G. Moseley, a lay delegate from the Virginia Conference, was recognized and seated.

Consent given for changes in Report No. 1 on Revisals.

J. A. Burrow, of the Holston Conference, asked unanimous consent to be allowed to make certain changes in the phraseology of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Revisals, and it was granted.

Adjournment.

On motion, the Conference adjourned, with the singing of the doxology, and the benediction by the Rev. Dinsdale T. Young, the Fraternal Delegate from the British Wesleyan Conference.

EVENING SESSION.

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Conference
meets.

The Conference met at 8 P.M., pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Key in the chair.

Religious service was conducted by J. L. Kennedy, of the Brazil Mission Conference, who read Psalm cxxxiii., and announced hymn No. 553,

Religious
service.

All praise to our redeeming Lord,
Who saves us by his grace,

which was sung by the Conference.

Brother Kennedy led in prayer.

The Secretary read the credentials of the Rev. Dr. J. W. Sparling, of the Methodist Church of Canada, as follows:

Dr. Sparling's
credentials
read.

TORONTO, CANADA, April 10, 1906.

To the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the General Conference of said Church, in General Conference assembled.

Revered and Beloved Fathers and Brethren: This letter witnesseth that the bearer hereof, Rev. J. W. Sparling, D.D., President of Wesley College, Manitoba, was duly appointed at our General Conference of 1902 as the Fraternal Delegate of the Methodist Church, Canada, to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Dr. Sparling, greatly honored and beloved among us, will bear to you our sincere brotherly greetings, and assurances of our constant love for you in the gospel of Christ. He will also tell you how the Lord hath blessed our Zion, and leadeth us on from victory to victory.

In behalf of the General Conference of the Methodist Church.

A. CARMAN, *General Superintendent.*

GEORGE STEEL, *Secretary.*

Bishop Key fitly introduced Dr. Sparling to the Conference, and in choice and eloquent words he delivered his Fraternal Address, which was warmly appreciated and applauded by the Conference.

Dr. Sparling's
fraternal
address.

Bishop Key responded, and announced hymn No. 556,

Response by
Bishop Key.

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love,

which was sung by the Conference.

The Conference then adjourned, with the benediction by Bishop Wilson.

Adjournment.

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Conference
meets.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M.,
Bishop Key in the chair.

Religious
services.

Religious services were conducted by J. R. Nelson,
of the Northwest Texas Conference, who read the sec-
ond chapter of First Corinthians, announced hymn No.
137,

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear,

and led in prayer.

Minutes
approved.

The minutes of yesterday morning's and evening's ses-
sions were read and approved.

Bishop
Candler
presides.
R. C. Dial
seated.

Bishop Candler took the chair.

R. C. Dial, of the North Texas Conference, was rec-
ognized and seated in place of W. C. Everett, alternate.

Changes in
standing
committees.

R. C. Dial was put on the Committee on Temperance
in place of L. Blaylock, and on Sunday Schools in place
of W. C. Everett; and L. Blaylock was put on the Com-
mittee on Colportage, in place of W. C. Everett.

Motion to re-
consider
Report No. 1
on Revisals
tabled.

H. C. Pritchett, of the Texas Conference, moved the
reconsideration of Report No. 1 of the Committee on
Revisals.

J. O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference,
moved that the motion lie on the table, and the motion
to table prevailed.

Death of Rev.
J. C. Berry-
man an-
nounced and
resolution of
sympathy
adopted.

W. F. McMurry, of the St. Louis Conference, as a
matter of privilege, announced the death of Rev. J. C.
Berryman, and presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That we have heard with sorrow of the death
of Rev. J. C. Berryman, the sole survivor of the historic
Conference of 1844, at the close of almost a century of
heroic faith and tireless labor for Christ.

(Signed.)

W. F. McMURRY,
NELSON B. HENRY,
T. S. WHEELER.

The resolution was adopted.

Distribution of
documents.

The Secretary distributed documents to the several
special and standing committees.

Invitation
from Entertain-
ment
Committee.

The following invitation to the Ensley Steel Plant
and Furnaces was read by the Secretary:

The Local Entertainment Committee have planned a
trolley ride to Ensley, and a visit to the steel mills and

furnaces, Thursday afternoon. The cars will leave from the corner of Third Avenue and Nineteenth street, promptly at 2:15. All delegates and their wives are cordially invited. For the delegates who have committee meetings on Thursday afternoon another trip will be made on Friday afternoon. Cars will leave from the same place and at the same hour.

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The roll of standing committees was called for reports, and the following were presented:

Reports of
standing
committees.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Itinerancy was presented and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Boundaries was presented.

Report No. 1
on Bounda-
ries consid-
ered and
adopted.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, moved a suspension of the rules in order that the report be put on its passage without being read except by caption.

The Chair announced that the latter part of the motion was not in order, and put the vote on the former part.

A division was called for, and the motion to suspend the rules prevailed.

The report was read by caption.

The first item of the report was adopted.

The second item was read and adopted.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Boundaries was then adopted as a whole, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES, REPORT NO. 1.

Item 1. The Committee on Boundaries recommend concurrence in the following memorial from the North Georgia Conference:

"The North Georgia Conference respectfully ask the General Conference to extend the time allowed us by the last Conference, giving us four years longer to decide as to whether or not there shall be a division of our Conference, and authorizing us to divide our territory as we shall see fit."

Item 2. The Committee on Boundaries having had under consideration a memorial from the pastors of Knoxville, of the Holston Conference, to better define the boundaries of said Conference, concur in the following recommendations:

"Holston Conference, shall include East Tennessee and that part of Middle Tennessee east of a line drawn on the western boundaries of the counties of Marion, Sequatchie,

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Bledsoe, Cumberland, and Fentress; thence with a line north with the Kentucky state line (Monteagle in Marion county, and Bethel in Sequatchie county, excepted); thence east with the Kentucky line to Cumberland Gap; that part of the states of Virginia and West Virginia beginning at the point of junction of the lines of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia at Cumberland Gap; thence northeast with the line between Kentucky and Virginia to Tug River; thence up Tug River with a line between Virginia and West Virginia, and crossing said river and up War Eagle Creek, so as to include War Eagle town, to a point at the head of said creek on the line between Minnesota and Wyoming counties, West Virginia; thence in an easterly direction with the line between said counties to McDowell county; thence following the dividing ridge between the Tug and Guyandotte rivers, and the line between McDowell and Wyoming counties, to the Flat Top Mountain, and with the crest of said mountain to Barn, West Virginia; thence to the place where Blue Stone River empties into New River, and up New River (including Big Stony Creek appointment) to East Radford, in Montgomery county, Virginia; thence in a straight line to Floyd, in Floyd county, Virginia (including Auburn, in Montgomery county, and all the territory now in Floyd Circuit, in the Holston Conference); thence with the Baltimore and Virginia Conference lines to the North Carolina state line, and with said state line to the Georgia state line (including Savannah church, in Alleghany county, North Carolina, in Holston Conference); thence with a line between Georgia and Tennessee to the point where the line between Hamilton and James counties, Tennessee, intersects the Georgia state line; thence south to and including Graysville, Catoosa county, Georgia; thence in a straight line to, but including, the town of Chickamaugo, Walker county, Georgia, and all of the present Ringgold Circuit, and southwest to the base of Lookout Mountain, so as to include all of Flintstone Mission; thence southwest with the base of said mountain to the Alabama state line, and with said line to the beginning, including Deer Head Cove in the Holston Conference."

(Signed.)

JOHN H. McLEAN, *Chairman.*
J. D. SCOTT, *Secretary.*

Other reports
of standing
committees.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Colportage was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Colportage was read and placed on the calendar.

The roll of special committees was called.

The special committee on the Twenty-third Article of Religion presented Report No. 1, which was read, and, under the rule, was placed on the calendar.

The report of Bishop E. E. Hoss, Fraternal Messenger to the British Wesleyan Conference, was presented and read by the Secretary, as follows:

To the Bishops and Members of the General Conference:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: It gives me very great pleasure to say that, in accordance with a resolution passed by the General Conference of 1902, and in pursuance of appointment from the College of Bishops, I visited the Wesleyan Methodist Conference held in Sheffield, England, July, 1904, as the bearer of fraternal salutations from our Church.

The greeting which I received, both before the Conference met and during the session of that body, was extremely cordial. I was the recipient of many social courtesies, and large opportunity was given me for studying the organization and working of the Wesleyan system.

A fine audience gathered in the Conference room to listen to my message, and gave me a most kindly and attentive hearing. Up to the measure of my ability, I made an exhibit of the past history and present status of Southern Methodism.

Nothing has ever impressed me more than the immense vitality of the mother Church. Not one sign did I see of decline or decay, but many and abounding tokens of spiritual life. The evangelical spirit which animated John Wesley and his coadjutors still burns in the hearts of their successors. A wise conservatism, not stubbornly holding on to the old because it is old, but steadily refusing to commit itself to rash and doubtful experiments, was equally manifest in all the proceedings of the Conference. Our brethren beyond the sea believe that they have a great inheritance of doctrine and polity from the fathers, and they are not minded lightly to surrender it.

I came home greatly refreshed and encouraged by all that I saw and heard.

Your servant for Christ's sake,

E. E. Hoss.

On motion of the Secretary, the report was made a matter of record.

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Special committees.
Report No. 1 on Twenty-third Article of Religion read and put on calendar.
Report of Bishop Hoss, Fraternal Messenger, read and entered of record.

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Report on new
statement of
faith placed
on calendar.
Appeals, me-
morials, and
petitions.

The report of the special committee on a New Statement of Methodist Faith was read, and, under the rules, was placed on the calendar.

The roll of the Conferences was called for appeals, memorials, and petitions, and the following were submitted:

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning Conference organs: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. A memorial concerning the combination of juvenile societies and the Junior League: referred to the Committee on Missions. A memorial concerning the union of the Missionary Societies: referred to the Committee on Missions. A memorial concerning the removal of the time limit: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A memorial concerning the enlargement of presiding elders' districts: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A memorial asking for more bishops: referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning church letters: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.—A memorial from the Arizona District concerning the creation of a Mission Conference: referred to the Committee on Missions.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A memorial proposing to amend paragraph 305, Section V., of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Board concerning the constitution of the Woman's Board: referred to the Committee on Missions.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial on the changing of the Woman's Board: referred to the Committee on Missions. A memorial concerning erasures from church rolls: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial from the Home Mission Society of Norfolk for the union of Home and Foreign Missionary Societies: referred to the Committee on Missions.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial from the Fort Worth District Conference concerning the licensing of preachers: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

W. F. Tillett, of the Tennessee Conference, asked the privilege of withdrawing a certain memorial on Woman's College.

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Memorial
withdrawn.

In words fitly spoken the Chair introduced Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, who spoke briefly to the Conference.

Bishop
Fitzgerald
addresses
Conference.
Resolutions.

The roll of the Conferences was called for resolutions, and the following were presented:

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.—A resolution proposing a plan of federation was read and referred to the Committee on Federation.

The Chair introduced to the Conference the Rev. Dr. W. S. Matthew, one of the Fraternal Delegates from the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. W. S.
Matthew
introduced.

The call for resolutions was resumed.

Call for reso-
lutions
resumed.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning preachers on trial: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.—A resolution on the Sunday-school *Senior Quarterly*: referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.—A resolution on the order of debate: referred to the Committee on Rules.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—A resolution on the removal of the time limit in the case of pastoral superintendents of hospitals: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—A resolution proposing to change paragraph 204 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.—A resolution on boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A resolution on church certificates: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning the *Pacific Methodist Advocate*: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. A resolution concerning the General Conference expense fund: referred to the Committee on Finance.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A resolution proposing to amend Section IV., paragraph 87, of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution on the

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Seventh Article of Religion: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning our young people and the use of tobacco: referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Whitehead's
resolution
on distrib-
uting Advo-
cate to mem-
bers.

Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, presented the following resolution concerning the *Daily Advocate*, and asked unanimous consent for its immediate consideration:

Resolved, That the distribution of the *Daily Advocate* to the members of the General Conference be made immediately after the opening religious service.

(Signed.)

PAUL WHITEHEAD.
W. J. YOUNG.

McLean's
amendment.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, moved to amend by requiring that the *Advocates* be handed to the chairman of each delegation for distribution.

Cannon's
substitute.

James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, moved as a substitute that the distribution be made to the chairmen immediately after the reading of the minutes.

Previous
question
called and
substitute
adopted.

Sam Robinson, of the Western Virginia Conference, moved the previous question, and the motion prevailed.

The substitute offered by James Cannon, Jr., was adopted.

Call for reso-
lutions
resumed.

The call for resolutions was resumed.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A resolution on boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.—A resolution proposing to amend paragraph 120 of the Discipline was read and referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Motion to re-
call paper
tabled.

R. W. Tucker, of the Louisiana Conference, moved that a paper referred to the Committee on Rules be recalled.

W. E. Arnold, of the Kentucky Conference, moved that the motion be tabled, and the motion to table prevailed.

Calendar
taken up.
Report No. 1
on Educa-
tion consid-
ered item by
item.

The calendar was then taken up.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Education was read.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved

that it be considered item by item, and the motion prevailed.

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Item 1 was read.

J. P. Hilburn, of the Florida Conference, moved to amend by striking out the words "far West," and it did not prevail.

Item 1 of the report was adopted.

Item 2 was read and adopted.

On motion, the report as a whole was adopted, as follows:

Item 1
adopted.
Item 2
adopted.
Report as a
whole
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, REPORT NO. 1.

1. Your Committee on Education has had under consideration a resolution signed by J. D. Hammond, R. G. Waterhouse, and John B. Robins, relating to an increase in the membership of the Board of Education as follows:

"Whereas, there are not representatives of our educational work in the far West on the General Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South;

"Whereas, the growing need of this work seems to require such representation; and

"Whereas, the charter of incorporation under which the General Board operates makes provision for an increase in the membership of the Board, if such increase be deemed necessary; and

"Whereas, paragraph 414, Article I., of the Discipline provides for only fifteen members—a number not large enough to represent our whole territory, if the far West be included—therefore be it

"Resolved, That the General Conference be requested to provide for an increase in the membership of the Board of Education by substituting the word "seventeen" for the word "fifteen" in the first sentence of paragraph 414, Article I., of the Discipline, so that the sentence thus amended shall read as follows:

"There shall be a Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, consisting of seventeen members elected quadrennially by the General Conference on nomination of the Committee on Education."

We recommend concurrence.

2. Your committee recommends nonconcurrence with the following memorial from the Cherokee District, Indian Mission Conference:

"To amend the Discipline at page 178, paragraph 420 by adding to said paragraph, line three, the following:

"The said Boards, to be composed of one layman from

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each district, and an equal number of clerical members, shall select their own officers and regulate their own affairs, and have absolute control of any moneys coming into their hands for Conference purposes. They shall have special charge of the educational work within their respective Conferences; and may, when so authorized by their Conference, correlate the schools of the Conference into one system; and, with the concurrence of the Conference, take the oversight of the same. They shall devise plans for endowing and increasing the endowment of the Conference schools, and shall hold an anniversary at each annual session of the Annual Conference.'"

Respectfully submitted:

R. G. WATERHOUSE, *Chairman.*

JOHN M. MOORE, *Secretary.*

Report No. 1
on Missions
adopted.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Missions was read and, on motion, adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, REPORT NO. 1.

We, your Committee on Missions, having had under consideration an item in the Episcopal Address pertaining to a meeting of Conference Missionary Secretaries to be held annually, under the direction of the General Board, also other memorials relating to the same subject, unananimously concur in recommending to insert the following in the Discipline:

"Paragraph 365, Article XXII. There shall be held annually a meeting of the Conference Missionary Secretaries (if any Secretary be unable to attend, the Conference Board of Missions may send a representative). The Secretary of the General Board shall fix the date and place of this meeting; choose suitable topics and speakers; arrange the programme, and be responsible for other details. The necessary expenses of each Secretary or representative in attending this Conference shall be met by his Board."

Respectfully submitted:

O. E. BROWN, *Chairman.*

J. W. PERRY, *Secretary.*

Report No. 2
on Missions
adopted.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Missions was read and, on motion, adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, REPORT NO 2.

Your Committee on Missions, having had under consideration item 2 of the recommendation in the Episcopal Address, submit the following report:

Resolved, 1. That we endorse the recommendation of the

bishops with reference to the publication of Methodist literature in Portuguese, and suggest that the same policy be carried out with reference thereto as has been followed by the Board of Missions in the publication of Spanish literature.

Resolved, 2. That the attention of the Book Committee be specially directed to this recommendation, and that they be requested to make such provision for the publication of this literature as may be possible.

Respectfully submitted:

O. E. BROWN, *Chairman*.

J. W. PERRY, *Secretary*.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Epworth League was read.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved that it be considered by items, and the motion prevailed.

The first item was read.

J. P. Hilburn, of the Florida Conference, moved that its consideration be postponed as the first thing on the calendar to-morrow morning, and the motion prevailed.

Item 2 was read.

B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, moved that its consideration be postponed until the first thing to-morrow morning, and the motion did not prevail.

Section 1 of this item was, on motion, adopted.

Section 2 was read and, on motion, adopted.

Section 3 was read and, on motion, adopted.

Section 4 was read and, on motion, adopted.

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Report No. 1
on Epworth
League con-
sidered item
by item.

Item 1 read
and action
thereon
postponed.

Item 2 read
and motion
to postpone
lost.

Sections 1, 2, 3,
4 of Item 2
read and
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON EPWORTH LEAGUE, REPORT NO. 1.

Item 2. *Resolved*, That the General Conference be asked to amend Section VI., Chapter VI., Book of Discipline, as follows:

(1) Paragraph 25, page 105, third line, strike out the word "thirteen" and insert instead thereof the word "seven," so that the clause shall read: "The management of the Epworth League shall be vested in a Board of seven Managers."

(2) Same paragraph, page 106, fourth line from top of page, strike out the word "seven" and insert instead thereof the word "five," so that the clause shall read: "And five members shall constitute a quorum."

(3) Paragraph 252, second line, strike out the words "three Vice Presidents" and insert instead thereof the words "a Vice President," so that the clause shall read:

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"The officers of the Board shall be a President, a Vice President, a General Secretary, and a Treasurer."

(4) Paragraph 254, fourth line, after the word "Junior" add "and Boys' Leagues," so that the paragraph shall read: "The Board shall provide constitutions and the details of organization for local chapters, Senior and Junior, and Boys' Leagues," etc.

Section 5 read
and its con-
sideration
deferred.

Section 5 was read.

H. M. Du Bose, of the Mississippi Conference, moved the postponement of the consideration of this item until the same matter shall have been brought forward by the Board of Missions, and the motion prevailed.

Report No. 1
on Finance
adopted.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Finance was read and, on motion, adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, REPORT NO. 1.

Your committee begs leave to report that it has had before it for consideration the following memorial from the Mississippi Annual Conference:

"The Mississippi Annual Conference, in session assembled, respectfully memorializes the General Conference to consider the propriety of so changing the basis of the distribution of the funds raised for the care of our superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of our deceased preachers, that one-half of the amount subject to distribution in each Annual Conference be distributed to claimants on the basis of term of service of the claimant, and the other half, as at present, upon the basis of the financial needs of the claimant."

After carefully considering said memorial, your committee respectfully recommends nonconcurrence.

T. S. GARRISON, *Chairman*.

GEORGE F. LEFTWICH, *Secretary*.

Resolution re-
ferred to
Committee
on Rules.

John O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference, asked leave to have read a resolution to be referred to the Committee on Rules.

The resolution was read and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Report No. 1 on
Itinerancy
considered
item by item.

B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, moved a suspension of Rule 20 in order that Report No. 1 of the Committee on Itinerancy might be taken from the calendar; and the rule was suspended and the report was read.

It was moved that the report be considered item by item, and the motion prevailed.

The first item was taken up, and a motion made to adopt it.

J. M. Barcus, of the North Texas Conference, rose to the point of order that the report had not met the requirements of Rule 8. The Chair ruled the point not well taken.

The vote was taken on item A, and it was adopted.

Item B was presented, and, on call for the previous question, it was adopted.

H. M. Du Bose, of the Mississippi Conference, rose to a matter of privileged character, and presented the following telegram from Vice President Fairbanks:

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9, 1906.

H. M. DU BOSE, Birmingham, Ala.:

Telegram last night received. I had expected to answer you definitely to-day, but the date when the Rate Bill will be disposed of is still in doubt. I cannot leave until that matter is out of the way. It is generally thought it would be disposed of before the close of this week, yet the uncertainty is such that I cannot give you a definite answer as to Monday night. I cannot tell you how sorry I am that I am obliged to keep you in some degree of suspense. It is expected that the bill will be disposed of before the end of this week.

CHAS. W. FAIRBANKS.

H. M. Du Bose moved a reconsideration of the vote fixing Friday of this week as the date for hearing the Fraternal Messengers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Thursday as the date for hearing the Fraternal Messenger of the British Wesleyan Church.

The motion prevailed.

H. M. Du Bose introduced Report No. 4 of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence and Introductions, which was read and adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE AND INTRODUCTIONS, REPORT NO. 4.

Resolved, That Friday evening, the 11th inst., beginning at eight o'clock, be designated as the time for hearing the address of the Fraternal Messenger from the British Wesleyan Connection, and that when we adjourn the regular session on Friday, it be to meet in special session at the above-named hour.

H. M. DU BOSE, *Chairman*.

H. N. SNYDER, *Secretary*.

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First item
taken up.
Barcus's point
of order
overruled.

Item A
adopt d.
Item B
adopted.

Telegram
from Vice
President
Fairbanks.

Date for hear-
ing fraternal
messengers
reconsid-
ered.

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on Fraternal
Correspond-
ence
adopted.

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Item C of Report No. 1 on Itinerancy adopted.
Item 2 of the report read and postponed.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Itinerancy was resumed, and item C of the first item was read and adopted.

Item 2 of the report was read.

W. F. McMurry, of the St. Louis Conference, moved the postponement of this item until to-morrow morning, immediately after the order already taken; and the motion prevailed.

Adjournment.

On motion, the Conference adjourned, after singing the doxology, with the benediction by Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald.

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Conference meets.

Religious services.

SEVENTH DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1906.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Candler in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by T. S. Wade, of the Western Virginia Conference, who read Psalm xxxvii. and announced hymn No. 210,

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God,

which was sung by the Conference.

Brother Wade led in prayer.

Minutes approved.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Bishop Morrison presides.

Bishop Morrison took the chair.

Documents distributed.

The Secretary distributed various documents to the standing and special committees.

E. W. Alderson seated.

E. W. Alderson, alternate clerical delegate from the North Texas Conference, was recognized and seated in the place of J. W. Hill, principal clerical delegate.

J. H. Barsam seated.

J. H. Barsam, a lay delegate from the Arkansas Conference, was seated in place of C. E. Wilson, principal.

W. E. Williams resumes attendance.

W. E. Williams, a lay delegate from the Northwest Texas Conference, who had been granted leave of absence, was reported as again in attendance.

T. J. Jarvis seated.

T. J. Jarvis, a lay delegate from the North Carolina Conference, was recognized and seated.

Rev. E. B. Sanford introduced.

The Rev. E. B. Sanford, Secretary of the Interchurch Conference on Federation, was introduced and briefly addressed the Conference.

Reports of standing committees.

The roll of the standing committees was called for reports, and the following were presented:

Reports Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of the Committee on Revisals were read and placed on the calendar.

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Report No. 1 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1
on Publish-
ing Interests
and a minor-
ity report
placed on
calendar.

A minority report was presented in connection with Report No. 1 of the Committee on Publishing Interests, and read and placed on the calendar.

C. M. Armstrong, of the Baltimore Conference, arose to make an explanation.

W. H. Samford, of the Alabama Conference, arose to the point of order that the brother was discussing the question; and the Chair sustained the point of order.

C. M. Armstrong, of the Baltimore Conference, moved that the report be recommitted.

The previous question was called for and ordered.

The vote was taken on the motion to recommit, and the motion did not prevail.

The paper was placed on the calendar.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Education was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Education was read and placed on the calendar.

W. G. Ditzler, of the Indian Mission Conference, was granted leave of absence on account of sickness in his family.

W. G. Ditzler
granted
leave of
absence.

W. R. Lambuth, of the Tennessee Conference, presented the Quadrennial Report of the Woman's Home Mission Society, and it was referred to the Committee on Missions.

Report of
Woman's
Home Mis-
sion Society
referred.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Boundaries was read and placed on the calendar.

Reports Nos. 1 and 2 of the Committee on Temperance were read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Finance was read and placed on the calendar.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved that the Committee on Credentials be discharged, and the motion prevailed.

Committee on
Credentials
discharged.

The roll of the Conferences was called for appeals, memorials, and petitions, and the following were presented:

Appeals, me-
morials, and
petitions.

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Appeals, me-
morial, and
petitions.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—An appeal in the case of the Rev. W. W. Hicks: referred to the Committee on Appeals. A memorial concerning the use of tobacco: referred to the Committee on Temperance.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—A petition concerning stewards' collection books: referred to the Committee on Finance.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A petition from G. W. Thomasson concerning the Epworth League: referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

Concerning
new bishops.

When the Virginia Conference was called, Paul Whitehead of that Conference presented a memorial from certain laymen of the General Conference concerning the number of new bishops: referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

Bishop Hoss's
report on
Federation
read and
referred.

Bishop Hoss presented the report of the Commission on Federation.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved that it be read, and the motion prevailed. On his motion, the entire report was referred to the Committee on Federation.

Resolutions.

The roll of the Conferences was called for resolutions, and the following were presented:

BRAZIL MISSION CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning Annual Conference questions: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning Quarterly Conference questions: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—A resolution from certain members of the Conference concerning the presiding eldership* was read and referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning the ordination of deacons: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning the Quarterly Conference: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—A resolution on the constitution of the Woman's Home Mission Society: referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A resolution ap-

pointing a preacher to the work of the Anti-Saloon League: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A resolution proposing to amend paragraph 413 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Missions.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning paragraph 63, Answer 5, of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A resolution proposing a change of rules was read and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning Church Conferences: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution suggesting a paper-bound edition of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. A resolution proposing the consolidation of missionary periodicals: referred to the Committee on Missions.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning questions 18 and 19 of the Quarterly Conference: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning the appointment of evangelists: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning the marriage ceremony: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution concerning Quarterly Conference questions: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution on behalf of boys: referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, asked the return of a certain paper signed by himself and W. J. Young, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

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On motion, the request was granted.

The Secretary read resolutions on the Congo Free State from the Secretaries of the Board of Missions.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved that the rules be suspended and that the resolutions be adopted by a rising vote, and the resolutions were so adopted as follows:

Cannon's
request for
withdrawal
of paper
granted.

Resolutions on
Congo Free
State
adopted.

REGARDING CONDITIONS IN THE CONGO FREE STATE.

Whereas, this General Conference recalls the profound satisfaction awakened twenty years ago in all Christian

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hearts by the announcement that, with the solemn sanction of a Congress of Nations, a great work in the interests of humanity had been entered upon in the Congo River Basin of Africa under the leadership of King Leopold II. of Belgium; and

Whereas, in some way contrary to the original way announced to the world, great and terrible wrongs have transpired and have at last become evident beyond doubt in the mind of the whole civilized world;

Resolved, (a) That we earnestly insist, in the name of Christ and for the human race for which he sacrificed his life, that nothing less than the immediate, thoroughgoing, and permanent righting of these tragic wrongs can satisfy the common conscience of Christendom.

(b) That we urge that the facts of the existing situation be investigated by a tribunal beyond suspicion of partiality, created by the powers through whose action the Congo State has its being.

(c) That in view of the prominent part borne by the United States in the recognition of the Congo State, we urge that our government should take action for the promotion of this international inquiry.

(Signed.)

W. R. LAMBUTH,
SETH WARD,

Secretaries of the Board of Missions.

Paper on lay
helpers referred to
Committee
on Itiner-
ancy.

A resolution concerning lay helpers was introduced by consent, and a motion was made by T. T. Fishburne, of the Baltimore Conference, to refer it to a special committee of three: but the motion did not prevail.

On motion, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Reception to
lady visitors.

The Secretary read an invitation to a reception to the lady visitors of the General Conference.

A. R. Byrd and
E. J. Garrison granted
leave of
absence.

Leave of absence was granted A. R. Byrd, a lay delegate from the St. Louis Conference, and to E. J. Garrison, of the North Alabama Conference.

Item 1 of Re-
port No. 1 on
Epworth
League
taken up.

Item 1 of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Epworth League was taken from the calendar as ordered, and read.

Cannon
presents
substitute.

James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, presented a substitute, which was read by the Secretary.

Peeler offers
paper in lieu
of item.

J. T. Peeler, of the Memphis Conference, presented a paper which J. M. Barcus, of the North Texas Conference, chairman of the Committee on Epworth League, stated that he was authorized to accept in lieu of item

1, Report No. 1 of the Committee on Epworth League, and asked that permission be granted to do this.

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Seth Ward, of the Texas Conference, moved that permission be granted, and the motion prevailed.

P. C. Thurmond, of the North Texas Conference, moved that the substitute offered by James Cannon, Jr., be laid on the table, and the motion prevailed by a vote of 133 to 95.

Cannon's
substitute
laid on table.

On motion, the previous question was ordered, and the item was adopted as follows:

Item 1 in lieu
of original
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON EPWORTH LEAGUE, REPORT NO. 1.

Item 1. Amendment accepted by committee in place of original report:

"Any League Conference or Conferences may secure property or grounds and improve same as a permanent place of meeting for religious, intellectual, and social culture. Such property shall be deeded to a Board of Trustees to be held in trust for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the use of the Epworth League in accordance with the provisions of the Discipline and the law governing such matters in the state where the property is situated. Such Trustees shall be elected by the League Conferences and confirmed by the Annual Conferences within whose bounds such League Conferences are situated. All vacancies in the Boards of Trustees shall be filled by the Annual Conferences on nomination of the Board. The Board of Trustees shall also constitute a Board of Control with power to make rules and regulations, and raise funds for the use and maintenance of the property, subject to the approval of the League Conferences and a majority of the patronizing Annual Conferences, and, at least once a year, shall report their acts to all the patronizing Conferences concerned.

(Signed.)

JOHN M. BARCUS,	P. C. THURMOND,
THOMAS W. LEWIS,	W. B. STUBBS,
S. P. CRESAP,	A. G. NORVELL,
A. R. FARIS,	JOHN T. PEELER.

Dr. D. D. Thompson, editor of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*; Dr. H. C. Jennings, Agent of the Methodist Book Concern; Rev. Dr. Van Meter, of the Woman's College of Baltimore, were introduced to the Conference.

Drs. Thompson, Jennings, and Van Meter introduced

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Item II of Report No. 1 on Itinerancy read and considered.

Item 2 of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Itinerancy was read, and a motion made to adopt it.

R. W. Tucker, of the Louisiana Conference, moved the previous question.

Seth Ward, of the Texas Conference, arose to the point of order that the brother who had moved the previous question had not been recognized by the Chair.

The Chair did not sustain the point.

The item was adopted; and, on motion, the report was adopted as a whole as follows:

Item III and report as a whole adopted.

COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY, REPORT NO 1.

1. Your committee have had under consideration resolutions signed by Frank Richardson, R. G. Waterhouse, and J. W. Perry, proposing certain changes in the Discipline as follows:

“(a) Amending paragraph 98 so as to allow an Annual Conference to arrange programmes for the conduct of its business.

“(b) Amending paragraph 99 so as to forbid the transfer of a preacher from one Conference to another without the consent of the Conference to which the transfer is made.

“(c) Amending paragraph 99 so as to forbid the appointment of a preacher to a charge during the session of an Annual Conference, except in the presence of all the presiding elders in attendance upon the session of the Conference.”

The committee recommend nonconcurrence with each of the proposed amendments.

2. Your committee have given careful attention to that portion of the Episcopal Address relating to the decrease in the number of local preachers and suggesting as a corrective the restoration of the licensing of such preachers to the Quarterly Conference. But the committee, while sympathizing with the ends sought to be obtained, do not see their way to the acceptance of the means proposed.

The committee have, in connection with this subject, considered memorials from the Memphis and the North Mississippi Conferences, and from the Quarterly Conference of Leesburg charge, Pittsburg District, Texas Conference, asking that the authority to license local preachers be transferred from the District Conference to the Quarterly Conference, and they recommend nonconcurrence.

(Signed.)

B. F. LIPSCOMB, *Chairman.*

J. H. MCCOY, *Secretary.*

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read.

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Report No. 1 on Sunday Schools considered item by item. Items 1, 2, 3 read and adopted.

On motion, it was considered item by item.

Item 1 was read and adopted.

Item 2 was read and adopted.

Item 3 was read.

T. E. Sharp, of the St. Louis Conference, moved the previous question, and the motion prevailed.

The vote was taken on item 3, and it was adopted.

J. W. Jackson, of the Indian Mission Conference, was placed on the Committee on Epworth League in place of W. G. Ditzler, who was excused from further attendance.

Changes in committee.

Rev. W. H. Sheppard, F.R.G.S., Missionary of the Southern Presbyterian Church to the Congo Free State, was introduced by Bishop Hendrix, and in a few words greeted the Conference.

Rev. W. H. Sheppard introduced.

Seth Ward, of the Texas Conference, asked unanimous consent to present the report of the Scarritt Bible and Training School. It was received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

Report of Scarritt Bible and Training School.

J. S. Frazer, of the Alabama Conference, arose to a question of privilege.

Frazer's question of privilege.

J. O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference, moved to extend the time.

A motion was made to adjourn, and this motion prevailed.

Adjournment.

Announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned with the singing of the doxology, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. W. H. Sheppard.

EIGHTH DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1906.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Morrison in the chair.

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Conference meets.

Opening religious service was conducted by Rev. J. S. Hutchinson, of the Baltimore Conference, and consisted of the reading of 2 Thessalonians ii., singing of hymn No. 1,

Religious service.

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,

and prayer.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Minutes approved.

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Bishop Hoss
presides.
Bishop
Granbery
heard.
Communica-
tion with-
drawn.

B. H. Scott
granted
leave of
absence.

Greeting to
the South-
ern Baptist
Convention.

Papers dis-
tributed to
committees.

J. T. Curry
granted
leave of
absence.

Reports of
standing
committees

Report No. 1
on Appeals
goes to
record.

Bishop Hoss took the chair.

The Chair introduced the beloved Bishop Granbery, who touchingly addressed the Conference for a few minutes.

G. W. Wilson, of the Memphis Conference, asked permission to withdraw a communication from the Committee on Publishing Interests. Permission was granted by consent.

R. H. Mahon, of the Memphis Conference, asked leave of absence for B. H. Scott, a lay delegate from that Conference, and it was granted.

E. O. Watson, Secretary for Fraternal Correspondence, moved that the following greeting be sent to the Southern Baptist Convention in session at Chattanooga, Tenn., and it was so ordered:

Secretary Southern Baptist Convention, Chattanooga, Tenn.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, send greeting to the Southern Baptist Convention. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

JNO. J. TIGERT, *Secretary.*

The Secretary distributed documents to the several standing and special committees.

Leave of absence was granted J. T. Curry, of the Tennessee Conference.

The reports of standing committees were called for, and the following were presented:

Reports Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the Committee on Itinerancy were read and placed on the calendar.

In connection with Report No. 2 of the Committee on Itinerancy a minority report was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Church Extension was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Appeals was read and went to the record as follows:

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS, REPORT NO. 1.

Your committee have carefully considered the appeal of W. W. Wadsworth, of the North Georgia Conference, and the decision of the lower court is reversed.

(Signed.)

CHARLES B. GALLOWAY, *Chairman.*

C. H. BRIGGS, *Secretary.*

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Colportage was read and placed on the calendar.

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Reports of special committees were called for, but none were presented.

Special
committees
called.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Alabama State Medical Association concerning patent medicine advertisements, which was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Paper from
Alabama
Medical
Association.

W. S. F. Tatum, a lay alternate from the Mississippi Conference, was recognized and seated in place of H. B. McGehee, principal.

W. S. F. Tatum
seated.

J. H. Basham, of the Arkansas Conference, was assigned to the Committee on Revisals *vice* James A. Anderson, and to the Committee on Education *vice* F. S. H. Johnston.

Committee
changes.

The roll of the Conferences was called for appeals, memorials, and petitions, and the following were presented:

Appeals, me-
morials, and
petitions.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—A memorial proposing to amend paragraph 99 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Temperance. A memorial proposing to amend paragraph 99 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial from the Madison Station, Athens District, proposing to change the law concerning district stewards: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—A memorial from the Carthage District Conference proposing to change paragraph 77 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

The roll of the Conferences was called for resolutions, and the following were presented:

Resolutions.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—A resolution proposing to expunge the footnote on page 328 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—A resolution proposing to change the law for licensing preachers: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution relative to the Florence Crittenton rescue work: referred to the Committee on Missions.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.—A memorial concerning

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the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America: read and referred to the Committee on Missions.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.—Z. T. Bennett asked permission to withdraw a resolution concerning paragraph 77 of the Discipline, which had been referred to the Committee on Itinerancy, in order that it might be referred to the Committee on Revisals. Permission was granted, and it was so referred.

Dr. Sparling
takes leave.

Rev. Dr. Sparling, Fraternal Messenger of the Methodist Church of Canada, in appropriate words took his leave of the Conference.

Dr. C. B.
Spencer
introduced.

The Chair introduced to the Conference the Rev. Dr. C. B. Spencer, editor of the *Central Christian Advocate*, Kansas City, Mo.

Report of Dr.
J. C. Kilgo
read and
passed to
record.

The Secretary read the report of Rev. J. C. Kilgo, D.D., Fraternal Messenger to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and it was made a matter of record:

To the Bishops and Members of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Having been duly appointed to bear your fraternal greetings to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in May, 1902, I visited that body assembled in Los Angeles, California. As your accredited representative I was received with great cordiality, and at all times during my visit was shown all possible kindness and courtesy.

Their assurances of sincere fraternal regard and interest in the prosperity of the Church I had the high honor to represent were made manifest in all my associations with them. I was deeply impressed with the evangelistic faith and zeal of their great Church and their marvelous prosperity in all parts of the earth.

It was my privilege to address a vast audience, which accorded me a sympathetic hearing. I shall always recall with gratitude the pleasure and profit of my visit to that great body of Methodists.

With great respect, I am

Your servant in Jesus Christ,

JOHN C. KILGO.

Invitation as
to next ses-
sion of
General
Conference.

W. F. Tillett, of the Tennessee Conference, asked in behalf of that Conference that a privileged communication be read. Permission was granted, and the Secretary read an invitation from the Nashville Board of Trade to the Conference to hold its next session in the

city of Nashville. The invitation was referred to the special committee on selection of a place for holding the General Conference.

The calendar was taken up.

Item 4 of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read. On motion, the item was adopted.

Item 5 was read and, on motion, adopted.

Item 6 was read.

B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, moved to recommit the item to the committee, with instructions to make paragraph 240 of the Discipline conform with the decision of the bishops relative to assistant superintendents.

J. C. Reed, of the Virginia Conference, moved the previous question, and the motion prevailed.

The vote on the motion to recommit was taken, but it did not prevail, and item 6 of the report was adopted.

On motion, the report was adopted as a whole as follows:

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Calendar
taken up.
Item 4 of Re-
port No. 1 on
Sunday
Schools
adopted.
Item 5
adopted.
Item 6 dis-
cussed and
adopted.

Report as a
whole
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS, REPORT NO. 1.

The Committee on Sunday Schools make the following report on matters referred to us by this Conference:

1. On the memorial from the Texas Conference, asking for a Sunday-school Secretary for Texas, we recommend nonconcurrence.

2. On the memorial from the Kentucky Conference, asking that the department of Advanced Bible Study be given in our Teacher's Magazine and Senior Quarterly, we recommend nonconcurrence.

3. On the memorial from the Cherokee District, Indian Mission Conference, requesting that the Discipline be so amended as to provide that all revenues derived from the sale of Sunday-school literature and supplies be used for no other purpose than the maintenance of the Sunday-school Department, we recommend nonconcurrence.

4. On the memorial from the Cherokee District, Indian Mission Conference, asking that facilities for the study of missions be provided in the literature sent out by the Sunday-school Department to the extent of one lesson on missions for each quarter, we recommend nonconcurrence.

5. On the resolution by the Cherokee District, Indian Mission Conference, that the whole Church be divided into school districts and a district superintendent be appointed for each we recommend nonconcurrence.

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6. On the resolution of J. T. Smith and others, asking that the office of assistant superintendent be created, and that the Discipline be changed accordingly, we recommend nonconcurrence.

Respectfully submitted:

JOHN R. PEPPER, *Chairman.*
GEORGE M. NAPIER, *Secretary.*

J. B. Morgan
seated.

J. B. Morgan, first lay alternate from the Tennessee Conference, was recognized and seated in place of J. L. Parkes, a lay alternate from the Tennessee Conference, who had been seated in place of L. K. Hart, principal.

J. W. Hill re-
sumes seat.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, announced J. W. Hill as again in his seat, occupied yesterday by E. W. Alderson, alternate.

Report No. 1
on Colpor-
tage read.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Colportage was read.

Another
similar re-
port offered.

W. B. Palmore, of the St. Louis Conference, asked permission to present a similar report from the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Motion to post-
pone lost.

E. B. Chappell, of the Tennessee Conference, moved that consideration of this report be postponed until the Committee on Publishing Interests should have been heard from.

The motion did not prevail.

Report taken
up item by
item.

On motion, the report was taken up item by item.

Item 1 read.
Motion to
recommit
lost.

Item 1 was read.

J. W. Hill, of the North Texas Conference, moved that the item be recommitted.

The motion did not prevail.

Amendment
accepted.

C. M. Coppedge, of the Indian Mission Conference, moved to amend the item by inserting the word "Indian." The amendment was accepted by the committee, and became part of the original paper.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
adopted.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 was read and adopted.

Item 3 was read and adopted.

Item 4 was read and adopted.

Item 5 was read and adopted.

Item 6 as an
amendment
adopted.

W. R. Lambuth, of the Tennessee Conference, offered as item 6 of the report an amendment, which was adopted.

Report as a
whole
adopted.

On motion, the report was then adopted as a whole, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON COLPORTAGE, REPORT NO. 1.

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The Committee on Colportage, to which was referred the memorial from the West Texas Conference, on the institution of a tract society, beg leave to report as follows:

We do not deem it wise to undertake at this time the establishment of a tract society, which would require a separate organization, and thus multiply machinery and expense. In view, however, of the imperative importance of making adequate provision for meeting the demand for a cheap and popular form of tract and pamphlet literature, which shall not only set forth our doctrines and polity, but shall be of such a type as shall make it available for evangelistic work and for wide dissemination among the people of our own country who are unreached and among the rapidly growing alien population pouring into our Gulf states, we would recommend,

First. That the Board of Missions be requested to take immediate steps toward the development of such a literature in the English language, including tracts and pamphlets in the vernacular of the German, Italian, Greek, Hungarian, Indian, and other nationalities within our borders.

Second. That the Annual Conference Boards of Missions shall instruct their Conference Missionary Secretaries to add the circulation of evangelistic as well as missionary literature to their other duties, and to cooperate with the Secretaries of the General Board in this work.

Third. That the Book Committee shall arrange through the Agents of the Publishing House to supply at cost such literature as may be prepared or selected for evangelistic purposes.

Fourth. There shall be a central committee of seven, which shall be styled "A Board of Managers of Tract and Evangelistic Literature." This Board shall consist of the Secretary of the Board of Missions, one of the Publishing Agents, the Secretary of the Epworth League Board, two traveling preachers and two laymen, who shall be selected by the Publishing Agents and the two Secretaries herein named.

Fifth. There shall be a fund created of not less than ten thousand dollars, which shall be styled the Tract Fund. Fifty per cent. of this fund shall be applied to the development of a literature suitable for distribution upon the selection and approval of the Board of Managers; the remaining five thousand dollars to be held as a permanent fund, which shall be added to by donations and bequests from time to time, the interest on which

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shall be available for further publication, circulation, and gratuitous distribution of literature as the Board of Managers may direct.

Sixth. The donation of one hundred dollars shall constitute a life share of this Tract Fund, which shall entitle the donor to an annual grant of literature to the amount of five dollars for gratuitous distribution.

(Signed.)

W. R. LAMBUTH, *Chairman.*

H. C. HOWARD, *Secretary.*

Lambuth's
personal
privilege.

W. R. Lambuth, of the Tennessee Conference, rose to state as a matter of personal privilege that he hoped that steps would be taken during this Conference toward the creation of the fund provided for in the report, and that a layman had offered two thousand dollars; one thousand dollars on the first five thousand, and one thousand dollars on the second five thousand of the ten thousand to be raised.

Report No. 2
on Colpor-
tage
adopted.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Colportage was read and, on motion, adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON COLPORTAGE, REPORT NO. 2.

The Committee on Colportage beg leave to submit Report No. 2, as follows:

Whereas, each succeeding generation requires indoctrination with evangelical and Methodist literature; and

Whereas, the drift which is steadily setting in toward the city and the migration from one section of the country to the other, especially in the South and West, make it of paramount importance that we should keep pace in our evangelistic effort with the movement of population, which tends to unsettle people morally and religiously;

We would recommend, first, that the Book Committee be instructed to select and provide a series of books, doctrinal and biographical, and those adapted to the use of children in the home, in cheap and attractive form for widespread circulation.

We would recommend, second, that the Book Committee be also instructed to employ two active young men as agents, one for the territory east of the Mississippi River and one for the west, who, in coöperation with pastors and presiding elders, shall make an active canvass to circulate the literature of the House and of the Church: provided that nothing in this paper shall be so construed as to preclude the Book Committee from employing more than two

such traveling men if they deem it advisable and find it profitable to do so.

(Signed.)

W. R. LAMBUTH, *Chairman.*

H. C. HOWARD, *Secretary.*

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Report No. 1 of the special committee on the Twenty-third Article of Religion was read.

A. F. Watkins, of the Mississippi Conference, moved that the report be adopted.

Report No. 1
on Twenty-
third Article
of Religion
discussed
and adopted.

W. E. Arnold, of the Kentucky Conference, moved as an amendment that the suggested change in the Article appear not only in the Disciplines for use in foreign lands, but also in those for use at home.

B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, rose to the point of order that the amendment was not in order because of not having been presented in writing and in duplicate.

The point was sustained.

Sam Robinson, of the Western Virginia Conference, moved that the rules be suspended. The motion did not prevail.

The report was adopted as follows:

**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE
TWENTY-THIRD ARTICLE OF RELIGION.**

The General Conference of 1808, when providing for a Delegated General Conference, specifically withheld from the General Conference the power to determine questions covered by the six restrictive rules. If the Church should at any time need to make any change in the law or usages of Methodism as thus protected by the restrictive rules, the General Conference of 1808 enacted "that upon the joint recommendation of all the Annual Conferences, then a majority of two-thirds of the General Conference succeeding shall suffice to alter any of the above restrictions."

The provision contained in paragraph 43 of the Discipline of 1902 through the words "shall take effect," in the fifth line from the bottom of page 23, was adopted by a majority of each of the Annual Conferences in the quadrennium from 1828 to 1832, and was concurred in by a majority of two-thirds of the General Conference of 1832. This portion of paragraph 43 is specifically called an amendment in the marginal note of the printed Journal of the General Conference containing this provision.

Your committee is unanimously of the opinion that before any revocation, alteration, or change can be constitu-

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tionally made in our Twenty-third Article of Religion, it must follow the course provided by the General Conference of 1808 as recited above.

Your committee accordingly recommends that this General Conference by a majority of two-thirds respectfully requests each of our Annual Conferences to pass the following resolution, and to send to the next General Conference a certificate of their action, bearing the signature of the President and Secretary of the Conference, which resolution, when concurred in by two-thirds of the General Conference of 1910, shall be substituted for Article Twenty-three in the Disciplines of all of our churches in foreign lands:

"XXIII. Of the Duty of Christians to the Civil Authority.

"It is the duty of all Christians, and especially of all Christian ministers, to observe and obey the laws and commands of the governing or supreme authority of the country of which they are citizens or subjects, or in which they reside, and to use all laudable means to encourage and enjoin obedience to the powers that be."

Your committee also unanimously recommends that the editor of the next edition of the Discipline be directed to insert in line 8, paragraph 43, page 23 of the Discipline, after the words "except the first Article," the following: "which may be altered upon the joint recommendation of all the Annual Conferences by a majority of two-thirds of the General Conference succeeding"; so that the paragraph shall read:

"Paragraph 43. Provided, nevertheless, that upon the concurrent recommendation of three-fourths of all the members of the several Annual Conferences, who shall be present and vote on such recommendation, then a majority of two-thirds of the General Conference succeeding shall suffice to alter any of the above restrictions, excepting the first Article, which may be altered upon the joint recommendation of all the Annual Conferences by a majority of two-thirds of the General Conference succeeding," etc.

The General Conference of 1808 enacted this language, prescribing the method for the constitutional amendment of all the restrictive rules. In 1828 the General Conference asked the Annual Conferences to alter this method for all the restrictions except the first. It was done. The General Conference did not ask for any change in the method prescribed for constitutionally amending the first restriction, nor did the Annual Conferences have any such proposition before them. Hence the original prescription of 1808, as applied to the first restrictive rule, has always had and

still has the force of law. Your committee therefore unanimously recommends its restoration to its proper place in the Discipline.

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Respectfully submitted:

JNO. J. TIGERT, *Chairman*, GEORGE M. NAPIER,
S. H. WAINRIGHT, *Secretary*, J. L. KENNEDY.
COLLINS DENNY,

Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, suggested that the vote by which the foregoing report was adopted be counted in order that there might never arise a question of whether or not two-thirds of the General Conference had voted for its adoption. A standing vote was taken, and resulted in 217 votes being cast in the affirmative, and one vote in the negative.

The vote
counted.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on a New Statement of Methodist Faith was read.

Report No. 1
on State-
ment of
Faith read.
Motion to
table lost.

A. L. Andrews, of the Alabama Conference, moved that the report be laid on the table. The motion did not prevail.

Sterling Fisher, of the West Texas Conference, moved that the report be adopted.

Motion to
adopt.

W. F. Tillett, of the Tennessee Conference, addressed the Conference upon the report. On motion, the time was extended.

Tillett
addresses
Conference.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved to amend by striking out the first sentence of the preamble of the report, and by introducing after the word "bishop" the words "shall also be members of the next Ecumenical Conference." The amendment was adopted by the committee.

Tigert's
amendment
adopted.

A. J. Lamar, of the Alabama Conference, moved that the senior bishop, and the other bishops, be invited to address the Conference on the subject before the house. The motion prevailed.

Bishops
invited to
speak.

J. O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference, moved that the session be extended until the bishops shall have been heard. The motion prevailed.

Session
extended.

Bishops Wilson, Candler, Hoss, Hendrix, and Galloway briefly addressed the Conference.

Bishops
Wilson,
Candler,
Hoss, Hen-
drix, and
Galloway
heard.
Adjournment

Announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned with the doxology, and the benediction pronounced by Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference.

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EIGHTH DAY.

Conference
meets.

Devotional
exercises.

EVENING SESSION.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 8 P.M., Bishop Hoss in the chair.

The bishop announced hymn No. 1.

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise!

which was sung by the Conference.

The Apostles' Creed was recited, and Bishop Granbery led in prayer.

The Conference then united in singing hymn No. 2,

Come, thou almighty King.
Help us thy name to sing.

Letter and
credentials
from British
Conference.

The Secretary read the letter of the British Conference of 1905 to this General Conference, and the credentials of the Rev. Dinsdale T. Young, Fraternal Delegate from the British Wesleyan Church, as follows:

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, meeting at Birmingham, Ala., May, 1906.

Dear and Honored Brethren: Our Conference rejoices in the essential oneness of Methodism, and in the opportunity to declare it given by regular official communications and delegations. Were Methodism organically one, it would be almost impossible to guide and govern it. The good providence of God settled that question for us long ago. But the true unity of Methodism in creed, experience, spirit, and aim must be jealously preserved as it spreads among all nations.

We believe you are of the same mind with us in this matter. Hence we welcomed with great joy your honored and brilliant spokesman, Bishop E. E. Hoss. We esteemed him for your sakes before we saw his face; when we heard him and enjoyed fellowship with him, we loved him for his own sake also.

Since we greeted you in your last General Conference, we have been toiling in the Great Master's service with encouraging success. Our Century Fund of one million pounds sterling has been completed. Many departments of our Church work have been aided by it. Especially has it stimulated the erection of new churches, mission halls, and schools. The undertakings fostered and aided by the Fund have meant an expenditure of not less than four millions sterling. Our special efforts to reach the unsaved multitudes have been crowned with notable success. Our foreign missionary work is growing on every

side; but the income of the Society does not increase in proportion to the opportunities which offer themselves. Nevertheless, abroad, as well as at home, the Lord is adding to his Church daily such as are being saved; and the shout of a King is still heard in our camp.

We need not say more by letter, because we send you as our representative the Rev. Dinsdale T. Young, a brother much beloved, who will give you all needful tidings of our condition. Mr. Young is one of our most distinguished preachers, whose ministry is welcomed in every part of our country, and we have every confidence in him as our delegate.

Commending you, and the Church you represent, with much affection to the abounding grace of the Holy Ghost the Comforter, believe me, dear and honored brethren,

Yours in our common Lord,

CHARLES H. KELLY,

President of the Conference of the People called Methodists.

Bristol, August 3, 1905.

Bishop Hoss then fittingly introduced the Rev. Dinsdale T. Young, who forcefully and informingly and most happily addressed the Conference.

Rev. Dinsdale T. Young's introduction and address.

Bishop Hoss made suitable response, and the Conference adjourned with the doxology, and the benediction pronounced by Bishop Hendrix.

Bishop Hoss's response.

NINTH DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1906.

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NINTH DAY.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Hoss in the chair.

Conference meets.

Religious services were conducted by B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, who announced hymn No. 42,

Religious services.

New every morning is the love

Our wak'ning and uprising prove,

which was sung by the Conference. Psalm ciii. was read, and the Conference engaged in prayer.

The minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

Minutes approved.

Bishop Smith took the chair.

Bishop Smith presides.
Report on Twenty-third Article of Religion reconsidered.

W. E. Arnold, of the Kentucky Conference, moved to reconsider the report of the special committee on the Twenty-third Article of Religion, in order to amend. The motion to reconsider prevailed.

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Arnold's
amendment
adopted.

W. E. Arnold, of the Kentucky Conference, submitted the following resolution as an amendment to the report of the special committee on the Twenty-third Article of Religion:

Resolved. That the report of the special committee on the Twenty-third Article of Religion be amended as follows:

In the fourth paragraph of said report, next to the last line, change the word "Disciplines" to "Discipline," then strike out the words "of all our churches in foreign lands," so as to preserve the integrity of our Discipline in every part of the world.

(Signed.)

W. E. ARNOLD. W. F. TAYLOR,
C. H. DUTY, E. G. B. MANN.
WILLIAM H. SMITH,

The vote being taken, the Chair declared that the amendment had prevailed.

Tigert's
motion to
reconsider.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the amendment was adopted.

Denny's point
of order
sustained.

Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, arose to the point of order that the vote had not been counted on the resolution to amend, and that it had not, therefore, been demonstrated that it was carried by the requisite two-thirds majority.

The Chair sustained the point of order.

Denny's
motion to
table
amendment.
Cannon's
point of
order.

Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, moved to lay the amendment on the table.

James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, arose to the point of order that there was no record of the vote by means of which the question as to whether there was a two-thirds majority could be decided.

Tigert's point
of order.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, arose to the point of order that as the Journal did not show the record of the two-thirds vote, the amendment could not constitutionally be said to have prevailed.

Smith's point
of order not
sustained.

W. W. Smith, of the Virginia Conference, arose to the point of order that notice had not been given previous to taking the vote that the two-thirds majority was requisite.

Arnold's
amendment
tabled.

The Chair did not sustain the point of order.

The motion to lay on the table being put, the amend-

ment of W. E. Arnold was laid upon the table by a vote of 140 to 79.

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W. E. Arnold, of the Kentucky Conference, arose to the point of order that the report of the special committee was still before the Conference, and moved that it be laid on the table.

Arnold's motion to table report fails.

The motion to table did not prevail.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved the previous question, and that the report be adopted by a rising vote.

Previous question ordered and report adopted.

The previous question was ordered, and the report was adopted by a vote of 220 to 7, this being the two-thirds majority of the Conference necessary to its adoption.

James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, moved the reconsideration of the vote by which the Conference adopted Report No. 1 of the Committee on Colportage.

Report No. 1 on Colportage reconsidered.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, moved to amend the report by substituting for "clerical," in item 4, "one of the," and adding "s" to the word Agent in the fourth line of the item, and by substituting in the fifth line of the item the words "traveling preachers" instead of "pastors."

Cannon's motion to amend

The motion to amend prevailed, and, on motion of Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, the report as amended was adopted as a whole. (See amended report, pp. 127, 128.)

Report as amended adopted.

Dr. Jesse Bowman Young, sometime editor of the *Central Christian Advocate*, was introduced to the Conference.

Dr. J. B. Young introduced.

The following response from the Southern Baptist Convention was received:

Response from Baptist Convention.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., May 12, 1906.

Dr. J. J. Tigert, Methodist Conference, Birmingham, Ala.

The Southern Baptist Convention returns assurance of fraternal regard. Hebrews xiii. 20, 21.

(Signed.)

LANSING BURROUGHS, *Secretary*.

J. B. Green, lay alternate from the Alabama Conference, was seated in place of W. H. Samford, principal.

J. B. Green seated. Greeting from Washington Epworth League Union.

Greeting from the Epworth League Union of Washington City and vicinity was read as follows:

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WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11, 1906.

J. J. Tigert, Secretary General Conference, Birmingham, Ala.

The Epworth League Union of Washington City and vicinity, in annual session, send greetings to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

(Signed.)

HOWARD R. MOORE, *Secretary.*

Response of
Conference.

The following response was sent, by order of the Conference:

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., May 12, 1906.

Howard R. Moore, Secretary Epworth League Union, Washington and Vicinity, Washington, D. C.

Greetings appreciated. Phil. ii. 2-11.

J. J. TIGERT, *Secretary.*

Reports of
standing
committees.

The roll of the standing committees was called for reports.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Episcopacy was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 2
on Episco-
pacy goes to
record.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Episcopacy was read and, without action, went to record as follows:

COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY, REPORT NO. 2.

Your Committee on Episcopacy respectfully report that, in accordance with the provision of the Discipline on the subject, they have estimated the salaries of our bishops for the coming quadrennium as follows:

The salary and traveling expenses of effective bishops to be \$4,000 per annum each; of superannuated bishops, \$2,000 per annum each; of the widows of deceased bishops, \$1,000 per annum each.

Respectfully submitted:

PAUL WHITEHEAD, *Chairman.*

W. L. NELMS, *Secretary.*

Report No. 3
on Episcopa-
cy placed on
calendar.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Episcopacy was read and placed on the calendar.

J. A. Burrow, of the Holston Conference, moved that the rules be suspended and Report No. 1 of the Committee on Episcopacy be considered at once. Both motions prevailed.

Report No. 1
on Episcopa-
cy consid-
ered under
suspension
of rules and
adopted.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Episcopacy was accordingly taken from the calendar and, on motion, was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY, REPORT NO. 1.

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Your Committee on Episcopacy respectfully submit their Report No. 1 as follows:

We have passed in review the life and official administration of each of our bishops, investigating most carefully the complaints against the administration of several members of the College, which have been referred to us, and we recommend the passage of the character of each bishop, namely: Alpheus W. Wilson, John C. Granbery, William W. Duncan, Charles B. Galloway, Eugene R. Hendrix, Joseph S. Key, Oscar P. Fitzgerald, Warren A. Candler, Henry C. Morrison, E. Embree Hoss, and A. Coke Smith.

We also recommend, first, that John C. Granbery and Oscar P. Fitzgerald be continued in the superannuate relation. Second, that the College of Bishops in the assignment of episcopal duty to W. W. Duncan have regard to the impaired condition of his health. Third, that the College of Bishops give to A. Coke Smith for at least twelve months exemption from active duty, with a view to such rest as shall secure the continuance of improvement in his health.

Respectfully submitted:

PAUL WHITEHEAD, *Chairman.*

W. L. NELMS, *Secretary.*

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Itinerancy was read and placed on the calendar. Call for reports resumed.

Report No. 7 of the Committee on Itinerancy was read and placed on the calendar.

Reports Nos. 11 and 12 of the Committee on Revisals were read and placed on the calendar.

J. P. Hilburn, of the Florida Conference, presented a minority report, which was read and placed on the calendar in connection with Report No. 12 of the Committee on Revisals.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Education was read and placed on the calendar.

Reports Nos. 4, 5, and 6 of the Committee on Missions were read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Epworth League was read and placed on the calendar.

Reports Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the Committee on Finance were read and placed on the calendar.

The Committee on Public Worship reported the appointments for Sunday, May 13, as follows: Appointments for Sunday.

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Appointments
for Sunday.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

First Church—Dinsdale T. Young, 11 A.M.; W. S. Matthew, 8 P.M. Epworth League Mass Meeting, led by H. M. Du Bose, 4 P.M.

Five Points—W. B. Murrah, 11 A.M.; A. L. Andrews, 8 P.M.

St. John's—J. A. Clifton, 11 A.M.; Dinsdale T. Young, 8 P.M.

Eleventh Avenue—Gilby C. Kelly, 11 A.M.; J. J. Tigert, 8 P.M.

Fountain Heights—W. F. McMurry, 11 A.M.; Bishop E. E. Hoss, 8 P.M.

Wesley Chapel—Bishop H. C. Morrison, 11 A.M.; J. A. Burrow, 8 P.M.

Twenty-first Avenue—Bishop J. S. Key, 11 A.M.; John R. Nelson, 8 P.M.

Mt. Vernon—O. E. Brown, 11 A.M.; J. H. Stevenson, 8 P.M.

St. Paul—Frank Richardson, 11 A.M.; Z. M. Williams, 8 P.M.

Elyton—R. H. Mahon, 11 A.M.; A. R. Farris, 8 P.M.

Ensley—F. M. Thomas, 11 A.M.; W. E. Arnold, 8 P.M.

East Lake—E. O. Watson, 11 A.M.; R. H. Bennett, 8 P.M.

East Birmingham—H. M. Du Bose, 11 A.M.; G. H. Detwiler, 8 P.M.

Newman Chapel—W. L. Pierce, 11 A.M.; T. S. Wade, 8 P.M.

Trinity: Missionary Service—Miss Belle Bennett, 11 A.M.; L. W. Moore, 8 P.M.

Ninth Street—B. R. Bolton, 11 A.M.; W. R. Williams, 8 P.M.

Pratt City—Bishop Warren A. Candler, 11 A.M.; W. F. Taylor, 8 P.M.

Bessemer—C. H. Briggs, 11 A.M.; J. S. French, 8 P.M.

West End—E. W. Solomon, 11 A.M.; E. P. Ryland, 8 A.M.

Fair View—O. F. Sensabaugh, 11 A.M.; H. A. Boaz, 8 P.M.

Woodlawn—Collins Denny, 11 A.M.; Forrest J. Prettyman, 8 P.M.

Avondale—W. H. Winton, 11 A.M.; W. J. Johnson, 8 P.M.

Owenton—Bishop A. Coke Smith, 11 A.M.; J. L. Morris, 8 P.M.

Brighton—R. W. Tucker, 11 A.M.; R. F. Wilson, 8 P.M.

Wylam—Bishop C. B. Galloway, 11 A.M.; Sam Robinson, 8 P.M.

Jonesboro—W. C. Davidson, 11 A.M.

Powderly—J. G. Putman, 11 A.M.

East Thomas—J. W. Hill, 11 A.M.

Y. M. C. A.—George R. Stuart, 3 P.M.

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for Sunday.

Montgomery—Young J. Allen, both hours.
Gadsden—James Atkins, both hours.
Oneonta—J. E. Godbey, both hours.
Alexander City—E. B. Chappell, both hours.
Oakman—J. B. McGehee, both hours.
Cottondale—M. Matsumoto, both hours.
Fairview Church, in the Guntersville District—J. L. Kennedy, both hours.

PRESBYTERIAN.

First—E. W. Alderson, 11 A.M.; Paul Whitehead, 8 P.M.
Central—B. F. Lipscomb, 11 A.M.; Sterling Fisher, 8 P.M.
South Highlands—Bishop E. R. Hendrix, 11 A.M.; J. W. Heidt, 8 P.M.
Second—J. D. Hammond, 11 A.M.; John O. Willson, 8 P.M.
Third—S. B. Turrentine, 11 A.M.; J. R. Murray, 8 A.M.
Ensley—J. H. McLean, 11 A.M.; H. S. Shangle, 8 P.M.
Pratt City—H. B. Reams, 8 P.M.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN.

First—R. G. Waterhouse, 11 A.M.; W. E. Thompson, 8 P.M.
Ensley—T. F. Brewer, 11 A.M.; J. S. Lamar, 8 P.M.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

First—J. C. Kilgo, 11 A.M.; S. H. Wainright, 8 P.M.
Southside—W. F. Lloyd, 11 A.M.; B. Anthony, 8 P.M.
Parke Avenue—J. C. Reed, 11 A.M.; J. P. Hilburn, 8 P.M.
Twenty-seventh Street—A. F. Watkins, 11 P.M.; J. J. N. Kenney, 8 P.M.
North Highlands—F. S. H. Johnston, 11 A.M.; T. S. Wheeler, 8 P.M.
East Lake—W. J. Young, 11 A.M.; F. S. Parker, 8 P.M.
Woodlawn—J. W. Downs, 11 A.M.; J. H. Weaver, 8 P.M.
Ensley—E. H. Howre, 11 A.M.; Willis Carlisle, 8 P.M.
Bessemer—J. W. Westcott, 11 A.M.; N. L. Linebaugh, 8 P.M.
East Birmingham—J. R. Scroggs, 11 A.M.
Avondale—J. A. Anderson, 11 A.M.; T. J. Nixon, 8 P.M.
Pratt City—J. M. Morse, 11 A.M.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

First—S. P. Cresap, 11 A.M.; S. R. Hay, 8 P.M.
Ensley—W. J. Sims, 11 A.M.

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Simpson—W. S. Matthew, 11 A.M.; F. S. Onderdonk, 8 P.M.
A. M. E. Church—H. P. Hamill, 11 A.M.; J. W. Perry, 8 P.M.

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Warrior—L. Reynolds, both hours.

Altoona—J. T. Smith, both hours.

Appointments
for Sunday.

S. L. DOBBS, *Chairman.*

F. W. BRANDON, *Secretary.*

Leave of
absence
granted.

Leave of absence was granted C. M. Bishop, J. J. Mardis, H. H. White, George R. Stuart, J. W. Knight, and M. K. Clements.

Report No. 3
on Temper-
ence sent to
calendar.

By consent, Report No. 3 of the Committee on Temperance was read and placed on the calendar.

Committee on
Twenty-
third Article
discharged.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved that the special committee on the Twenty-third Article of Religion be discharged, and the motion prevailed.

Time for
hearing
Fraternal
Delegates.

H. M. Du Bose, of the Mississippi Conference, moved, as a matter of privilege, that when we adjourn Monday it be to meet at 8 P.M., in order to hear the Fraternal Delegates of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Vote on Amer-
ican Bible
Society
meeting re-
considered.

H. M. Du Bose, of the Mississippi Conference, moved that we reconsider the vote fixing Monday evening for the American Bible Society meeting, and the motion prevailed.

Another date
fixed.

C. M. Bishop, of the Missouri Conference, moved that 8 P.M. of next Tuesday be fixed as the date for the the American Bible Society mass meeting, and the motion prevailed.

Appeals, pe-
titions, and
memorials.

The roll of the Conferences was called for appeals, petitions, and memorials, and the following were presented:

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial on the American Bible Society: referred to the Committee on the American Bible Society.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A complaint as to the episcopal administration of Bishop A. W. Wilson: referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

Resolutions.

The roll of the Conferences was called for resolutions, and the following were presented:

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning the change of domicile of the office of Board of Church Extension: referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

CENTRAL MEXICO MISSION CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning class meetings: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.—A resolution relating to

Church Conferences: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.—A resolution amending paragraph 321 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. A resolution to amend paragraph 77, Answer 10, of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—A resolution fixing the time for the election of bishops: referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—A resolution for the amendment of paragraph 87 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTHWEST MEXICAN MISSION CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning boundaries: referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A resolution to empower Quarterly Conferences to issue certificates to lay helpers: referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.—A resolution on instructing baptized children: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution for the amendment of paragraph 240 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution on omission of paragraphs 660 to 670 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning the solemnization of matrimony by unordained ministers. The resolution was read and referred to the Committee on Revisals.

J. A. Burrow, of the Holston Conference, asked permission to refer an amendment to the resolution concerning marriage by unordained preachers to the Committee on Revisals. Permission was granted, and it was so referred.

The calendar was taken up.

Consideration of the report of the Committee on New Statement of Faith, which was pending at adjournment yesterday, was resumed.

Calendar
taken up.
Consideration
of report on
Statement
of Faith
resumed.

H. M. Du Bose, of the Mississippi Conference, moved the adoption of the following substitute for the Report of the Committee on New Statement of Faith:

Du Bose's
substitute.

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Resolved, That a commission of seven members of this General Conference, with one of the bishops as *ex officio* chairman, be appointed to inquire into the necessity and expediency of making a restatement of our Articles of Religion, and of preparing a syllabus of the teachings contained in our doctrinal standards; and that the said commission make report of its conclusions to the General Conference of 1910.

(Signed.)

H. M. DU BOSE,

J. M. MORSE.

J. W. Penn
seated.

J. W. Penn, a lay delegate from the Holston Conference, was recognized and seated.

Documents
for com-
mittees.

The Secretary distributed various documents to the several special and standing committees.

Adjournment.

Announcements were made, and after singing the doxology, the Conference adjourned with the benediction pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Jesse Bowman Young.

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TENTH DAY.**TENTH DAY, MONDAY, MAY 14, 1906.**Conference
meets.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Smith in the chair.

Religious
services.

Religious services were conducted by Rev. F. J. Prettyman, of the Baltimore Conference, and consisted of the reading of Hebrews x., singing hymn No. 354.

O for a heart to praise my God,

A heart from sin set free,

and prayer.

Minutes
approved.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

Bishop
Wilson
presides.
Committee
change.

Bishop Wilson took the chair.

L. L. Jester, J.
R. Metcalf,
A. E. Bon-
nell, and D.
E. Grogean
recognized
and seated.

W. P. Dungan, of the Holston Conference, was placed on the Committee on Boundaries instead of J. W. Perry.

The following delegates were recognized and seated: L. L. Jester, lay delegate from the Texas Conference; J. R. Metcalf, alternate lay delegate from the White River Conference, in place of J. J. Mardis, principal; A. E. Bonnell, alternate lay delegate from the Indian Mission Conference, in place of A. S. McKinnon, principal; D. E. Grogean, alternate lay delegate from the St. Louis Conference, in place of A. R. Byrd.

Leave of
absence
granted.

Leave of absence was granted W. B. Stubbs, lay delegate from the South Georgia Conference, on account of

sickness in his family, and J. S. Frazer, clerical delegate from the Alabama Conference, for the day.

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The roll of the standing committees was called for reports, and the following were presented:

Reports of
standing
committees.

Reports Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 of the Committee on Itinerancy were read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 13 of the Committee on Revisals was read and placed on the calendar.

Reports Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the Committee on Publishing Interests were read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Church Extension was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Missions was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Boundaries was read and placed on the calendar.

In connection with item 4 of Report No. 3 of the Committee on Boundaries, a minority report was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Temperance was read and placed on the calendar.

Reports Nos. 4, 5, and 6 of the Committee on Sunday Schools were read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Appeals was read and went to record, as follows:

Report No. 2
on Appeals
goes to
record.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS, REPORT NO. 2.

Your committee have carefully considered the appeal of J. S. Hawkins, of the Little Rock Conference, and the judgment of the lower court is sustained.

CHARLES B. GALLOWAY, *Chairman*.

C. H. BRIGGS, *Secretary*.

The roll of the special committees was called for reports, but none were presented.

Roll of special
committees.

A. E. Bonnell, of the Indian Mission Conference, was assigned to the Committee on Temperance in place of J. S. McIntyre.

Committee
change.

The roll of Conferences was called for appeals, petitions, and memorials, and the following were presented:

Appeals, pe-
titions, and
memorials.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—G. W. Wilson, of the Mem-

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titions, and
memorials.

phus Conference, asked that a certain paper, referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests, be recalled and referred to the Committee on Finance. Permission was granted, and the paper was so referred.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial proposing to amend the Discipline concerning Annual Conference Boards of Missions: referred to the Committee on Missions.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—A memorial asking that the General Conference of 1910 be held in the city of Richmond, Va.: referred to the special committee for selecting a place of holding the General Conference.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A memorial relative to stewards' collection books: referred to the Committee on Finance.

W. R. Lambuth, of the Tennessee Conference, presented a memorial from the Board of Missions on missionary education in the Sunday schools: referred to the Committee on Missions.

Resolutions.

The roll of the Conferences was called for resolutions, and the following were presented:

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.—A resolution requesting the bishops to appoint a special committee of five relative to the seating of Reed Smoot in the United States Senate.

Gross Alexander, of the Louisville Conference, moved that a special committee of five be appointed to whom this resolution should be referred, and the motion prevailed, and the resolution was so referred.

By consent, the report of the Board of Insurance was presented and referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.—A resolution against the solemnizing of matrimony by unordained preachers: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning a policy for our Western work: referred to the Committee on Missions.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.—A resolution concerning appeal of traveling preachers: referred to the Committee on Revisals. A resolution concerning the trial of traveling preachers: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.—A resolution to strike out paragraph 413 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

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SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—A resolution asking for a definition of paragraph 216 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Episcopacy. A resolution concerning an item of Quarterly Conference business: referred to the Committee on Revisals.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—A resolution relative to the General Conference Journal was read. James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, moved that the rules be suspended and the resolution put upon its passage, and the motion did not prevail: the resolution was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. A resolution concerning the sale of intoxicating liquors by government employees: referred to the Committee on Temperance. A resolution on standards of doctrine: referred to the special committee on a New Statement of Faith.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.—A resolution proposing to change paragraph 449 of the Discipline: referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

W. H. Samford, of the Alabama Conference, resumed his seat, and J. B. Green, a lay alternate of the Alabama Conference, was recognized and seated in place of A. Sessoms.

W. H. Samford and J. B. Green seated.

The calendar was then taken up.

Report No. 1 of the special committee on a New Statement of Faith, under consideration at the hour of adjournment yesterday, was resumed.

Calendar taken up. Report No. 1 on Statement of Faith resumed.

Charles M. Armstrong, of the Baltimore Conference, moved that consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed.

Motion to postpone indefinitely.

C. M. Armstrong, of the Baltimore Conference, moved the pending question.

Pending question prevails.

A standing vote on the pending question was taken, and the motion prevailed, 200 votes being cast in the affirmative.

The vote being taken on the motion to indefinitely postpone, the Chair announced that it did not prevail. A division being called for, a standing vote was taken and 81 votes were cast for indefinite postponement and 149 against.

Motion to postpone lost.

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Previous
question
pre-
vails.
Tillett's ad-
dress in
favor of
report.

R. A. Child, of the South Carolina Conference, moved the previous question, and the motion prevailed.

W. F. Tillett, of the Tennessee Conference, chairman of the committee, addressed the Conference in favor of the report. His time having expired, on motion, the time was extended.

Separate vote
ordered.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, arose to a question of the method of taking the vote, and moved that a separate vote of the clerical and lay members be taken, and the motion prevailed, 78 votes being cast in the affirmative and this being more than the requisite one-fifth.

Aye and nay
vote to be
taken.

A. L. Andrews, of the Alabama Conference, moved that an aye and nay vote be taken, and the motion prevailed.

Du Bose's sub-
stitute not
adopted.

The aye and nay vote was taken on the substitute, and the result was declared as follows: Clerical—ayes 12, noes 126. Lay—ayes 7, noes 108. And the substitute was not adopted.

The vote in
detail.

CLERICAL.—Ayes: John A. Anderson, Collins Denny, H. M. Du Bose, J. L. Kennedy, W. C. Lovett, J. M. Morse, W. B. Murrah, Fitzgerald Sale Parker, L. Reynolds, F. M. Thomas, Seth Ward, Richard T. Wilson.

Noes: T. W. Adams, W. N. Ainsworth, Young J. Allen, Beverly P. Allen, Gross Alexander, James A. Anderson, A. L. Andrews, B. Anthony, W. E. Arnold, James Atkins, J. M. Barcus, Richard H. Bennett, H. M. Blair, H. A. Boaz, B. R. Bolton, J. W. Boswell, Theodore F. Brewer, C. H. Briggs, O. E. Brown, James A. Burrow, James Cannon, Jr., M. L. Carlisle, Willis Carlisle, C. W. Carter, E. B. Chappell, R. A. Child, J. A. Clifton, C. M. Coppedge, S. P. Cresap, Frank P. Culver, J. T. Curry, J. W. Daniel, W. C. Davidson, G. H. Detwiler, Samuel L. Dobbs, J. W. Downs, James H. Eakes, A. R. Farris, Sterling Fisher, J. S. Frazer, W. F. Glenn, J. E. Godbey, Henry P. Hamill, John D. Hammond, S. R. Hay, John W. Heidt, N. B. Henry, P. H. Hensch, J. P. Hilburn, J. W. Hill, H. C. Howard, T. N. Ivey, W. J. Johnson, F. S. H. Johnston, John J. N. Kenney, John A. Kern, J. C. Kilgo, W. S. Lagrone, A. J. Lamar, J. S. Lamar, W. R. Lambuth, T. W. Lewis, B. F. Lipscomb, W. F. Lloyd, S. D. Long, J. H. McCoy, R. H. Mahon, E. G. B. Mann, J. M. Mason, C. L. McCausland, J. B. McGehee, J. H. McLean, W. F. McMurry, J. E. Moore, John M. Moore, L. W. Moore, J. L. Morris, W. L. Nelms, John R. Nelson, T. J. Nixon, F. S. Onderdonk, W. B. Palmore, J. D. Pegram, J. W. Perry, Forrest J. Prettyman, J. G. Putman,

G. C. Rankin, H. B. Reams, J. C. Reed, John B. Robins, Sam Robinson, E. P. Ryland, J. D. Scott, J. R. Scroggs, J. H. Scruggs, O. F. Sensabaugh, H. S. Shangle, T. E. Sharp, John D. Simpson, William J. Sims, B. D. Sipple, J. T. Smith, E. W. Solomon, J. H. Stevenson, Santiago Tafolla, W. F. Taylor, James Thomas, W. E. Thompson, Jno. J. Tigert, W. F. Tillett, R. W. Tucker, S. B. Turrentine, T. S. Wade, S. H. Wainright, T. H. Ware, R. G. Waterhouse, A. F. Watkins, E. O. Watson, J. H. Weaver, T. S. Wheeler, Paul Whitehead, Albert R. Williams, John O. Willson, G. W. Wilson, W. H. Winton, W. J. Young.

LAY.—Ayes: Charles M. Armstrong, George H. Bates, J. F. Bruton, Tipton T. Fishburne, T. S. Garrison, A. Elias Hudleston, J. H. Barsam.

Noes: D. H. Abernathy, M. C. Austin, John W. Bale, W. W. Ball, T. C. Banks, Thomas J. Barham, Sidney Bass, J. R. Bingham, R. E. Blackwell, L. Blaylock, A. E. Bonnell, W. M. Boswell, W. G. Bradshaw, J. G. Brown, F. D. Campbell, J. M. Cantrell, B. J. Casteel, M. K. Clements, W. L. Cobb, F. A. Critz, R. C. Dial, J. M. Doss, J. T. Duncan, W. P. Dungan, C. H. Duty, A. G. Norvell, S. I. Esquivel, S. G. Figueroa, P. E. Genoway, George B. Glover, J. B. Glover, J. W. Grandy, D. E. Grogean, C. H. Beneke, Ransom Gulley, George L. Hackney, J. W. Hamel, Isaac Hardeman, J. B. Morgan, E. B. Hawkins, C. C. Henderson, H. G. Healey, P. E. Hines, P. A. Hodges, W. C. Howard, M. O. Hughes, R. S. Hyer, C. H. Ireland, J. W. Irwin, A. F. Jackson, J. W. Jackson, T. J. Jarvis, J. M. Jenkins, L. L. Jester, G. G. Johnson, Thomas B. King, J. H. Kirkland, J. A. Leavell, Lucius P. Little, J. R. Lyell, J. R. Metcalf, E. W. Martin, J. S. Martin, R. P. McClain, J. A. McCullough, W. F. S. Tatum, R. W. Millsaps, E. G. Moseley, George M. Napier, J. L. Nelson, G. V. Northey, W. R. Odell, Samuel Orr, H. A. Page, J. K. Parr, J. T. Peeler, J. W. Penn, H. C. Pritchett, J. E. Pritchett, J. M. Proctor, Arthur B. Pugh, Perry S. Rader, W. K. Ramsey, J. S. McIntyre, W. C. Ratcliffe, John A. Rich, J. M. Robertson, Nat G. Rollins, N. M. Rowe, W. H. Samford, J. W. Saylor, S. W. Scott, J. B. Green, G. D. Shands, R. O. Simpson, W. W. Smith, Henry N. Snyder, J. B. Starns, George R. Stuart, J. E. Swepton, M. W. Thomas, W. W. Carré, J. W. Vaughan, S. S. Vick, V. M. West, John L. Wheat, J. A. Wilkinson, W. E. Williams.

MAY 14.
TENTH DAY.

Vote on substitute.

W. L. Nelms, of the Northwest Texas Conference, moved that the time limit be extended to complete the vote on the report, and the motion prevailed.

Time limit extended.

**MAY 14.
TENTH DAY.**

**Aye and nay
vote on
adoption of
report.**

The aye and nay vote was taken on the report, and the result was announced as follows: Clerical—ayes 83, noes 56. Lay—ayes 68, noes 51.

Vote on the main question:

**Vote on main
question.**

CLERICAL.—Ayes: W. N. Ainsworth, Beverly P. Allen, Young J. Allen, Gross Alexander, James A. Anderson, James Atkins, Richard H. Bennett, H. A. Boaz, C. H. Briggs, O. E. Brown, James A. Burrow, James Cannon, Jr., M. L. Carlisle, C. W. Carter, E. B. Chappell, J. A. Clifton, C. M. Coppedge, S. P. Cresap, Frank P. Culver, J. T. Curry, J. W. Daniel, W. C. Davidson, G. H. Detwiler, Samuel L. Dobbs, J. W. Downs, A. R. Farris, Sterling Fisher, J. E. Godbey, Henry P. Hamill, John D. Hammond, S. R. Hay, John W. Heidt, N. B. Henry, J. W. Hill, T. N. Ivey, W. J. Johnson, John J. N. Kenney, J. L. Kennedy, John A. Kern, Jesse S. Lamar, W. R. Lambuth, B. F. Lipscomb, W. F. Lloyd, S. D. Long, E. G. B. Mann, C. L. McCausland, J. B. McGehee, W. F. McMurry, J. E. Moore, John M. Moore, L. W. Moore, J. L. Morris, John R. Nelson, T. J. Nixon, F. S. Onderdonk, W. B. Palmore, Fitzgerald Sale Parker, J. D. Pegram, J. W. Perry, J. C. Reed, John R. Robins, E. P. Ryland, J. D. Scott, J. H. Scruggs, O. F. Sensabaugh, H. S. Shangle, T. E. Sharp, B. D. Sipple, E. W. Solomon, J. H. Stevenson, James Thomas, Jno. J. Tigert, W. F. Tillett, R. W. Tucker, S. B. Turrentine, S. H. Wainright, Seth Ward, T. H. Ware, A. F. Watkins, E. O. Watson, T. S. Wheeler, Albert R. Williams, W. J. Young.

Noes: T. W. Adams, John A. Anderson, A. L. Andrews, B. Anthony, W. E. Arnold, J. M. Barcus, H. M. Blair, B. R. Bolton, J. W. Boswell, Theodore F. Brewer, Willis Carlisle, R. A. Child, Collins Denny, H. M. Du Bose, James H. Eakes, J. S. Frazer, J. T. French, W. F. Glenn, P. H. Hensch, J. P. Hilburn, H. C. Howard, F. S. H. Johnston, J. C. Kilgo, W. S. Lagrone, A. J. Lamar, T. W. Lewis, N. L. Linebaugh, W. C. Lovett, James H. McCoy, R. H. Mahon, J. M. Mason, J. H. McLean, J. M. Morse, W. B. Murrah, W. L. Nelms, Forrest J. Prettyman, J. G. Putman, G. C. Rankin, H. B. Reams, L. Reynolds, Frank Richardson, Sam Robinson, J. R. Scroggs, John D. Simpson, J. T. Smith, W. P. Taylor, F. M. Thomas, W. E. Thompson, T. S. Wade, R. G. Waterhouse, J. H. Weaver, Paul Whitehead, John O. Willson, G. W. Wilson, Richard T. Wilson, W. H. Winton.

LAY.—Ayes: D. H. Abernathy, W. W. Ball, T. C. Banks, T. J. Barham, J. R. Bingham, R. E. Blackwell, J. G. Brown, D. E. Grogean, F. D. Campbell, B. J. Casteel, F. A. Critz, J. T. Duncan, W. P. Dungan, C. H. Duty, A. G. Norvell, S. I.

Esquivel, P. E. Genoway, J. B. Glover, J. W. Grandy, George L. Hackney, J. W. Hamel, Isaac Hardeman, C. C. Henderson, H. G. Healey, P. A. Hodges, W. C. Howard, M. O. Hughes, R. S. Hyer, C. H. Ireland, J. W. Irwin, A. F. Jackson, J. W. Jackson, J. M. Jenkins, L. L. Jester, G. G. Johnson, J. H. Kirkland, J. A. Leavell, J. R. Lyell, J. R. Metcalf, J. S. Martin, R. P. McClain, J. A. McCullough, A. E. Bonnell, R. W. Millsaps, S. G. Figueroa, G. V. Northey, J. K. Parr, H. C. Pritchett, J. E. Pritchett, J. M. Proctor, Perry S. Rader, W. K. Ramsey, W. C. Ratcliffe, R. E. Rice, John A. Rich, J. W. Saylor, G. B. Green, G. D. Shands, R. O. Simpson, W. W. Smith, Henry N. Snyder, J. B. Starns, James Sutherland, M. W. Thomas, W. B. Carré, J. W. Vaughan, V. M. West, H. P. Woodson.

MAY 14.
TENTH DAY.

Vote on main
question.

Noes: Charles M. Armstrong, M. C. Austin, John W. Bale, J. H. Barsam, Sidney Bass, George H. Bates, L. Blaylock, W. M. Boswell, J. F. Bruton, J. M. Cantrell, M. K. Clements, W. L. Cobb, R. C. Dial, J. M. Doss, Tipton T. Fishburne, T. S. Garrison, George B. Glover, C. H. Beneke, Ransom Gulley, J. B. Morgan, E. B. Hawkins, P. E. Hines, A. Elias Hudleston, J. T. Jarvis, J. W. Kemper, Thomas B. King, G. J. Leftwich, Lucius P. Little, E. W. Martin, W. F. S. Tatum, J. T. McKeown, E. G. Moseley, George M. Napier, J. L. Nelson, W. R. Odell, Samuel Orr, H. A. Page, J. T. Peeler, J. W. Penn, W. G. Post, Arthur B. Pugh, J. S. McIntyre, J. M. Robertson, Nat. G. Rollins, N. M. Rowe, S. W. Scott, J. E. Swepston, S. S. Vick, John L. Wheat, J. A. Wilkerson, H. Wirgman.

And the Report No. 1 of the special committee on a New Statement of Faith was declared adopted by a separate vote of both orders, as follows:

Report
declared
adopted.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE NEW STATEMENT OF METHODIST FAITH AND DOCTRINE, REPORT NO. 1.

Your committee, to whom was referred the resolution on the need at this time of a new statement of Methodist faith and doctrine, desire to report that they have given the resolution careful consideration, and believe that it is wise to take such action as is proposed in the resolution. The resolution reads as follows:

"Believing that the different branches of world-wide Methodism that are represented in the Ecumenical Methodist Conference can and should unite in the preparation of such a statement of our common faith as is needed, and believing that this General Conference should take

such steps as may be necessary to secure in the early future the coöperation of other representative Methodist Churches in the preparation of a new statement of our faith, we therefore offer the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the College of Bishops be requested to appoint a commission of five members, one of whom shall be a bishop, who shall be members of the next Ecumenical Conference, this commission to invite other branches of Methodism to unite with us in the preparation of our doctrinal system as it is called for in our day, and this commission shall represent our Church in the preparation of the same."

We recommend the passage of the resolution herein proposed, with the understanding that the preparation of this new statement of doctrine shall be undertaken by the commission only when such coöperation on the part of other representative branches of Methodism shall have been secured as shall give to the statement prepared an ecumenical character and make it an expression of the faith of world-wide Methodism. This commission shall report back to this General Conference, four years hence, the result of their labors. We further recommend that the Publishing Agents be authorized to meet whatever expenses may be incurred by the commission in the discharge of their duties.

W. F. TILLET,
W. R. LAMBUTH,
C. W. CARTER.

H. M. Du Bose, of the Mississippi Conference, chairman of the special committee on Fraternal Correspondence and Introductions, as a matter of privilege, asked that the following telegram be read from Vice President Fairbanks:

Telegram
from Vice
President
Fairbanks.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 14, 1906.

H. M. Du Bose, Chairman, Birmingham, Ala.

I can be in Birmingham Thursday night at 9:25 and spend all day Friday there. Regret cannot reach there earlier than Thursday. Kindly advise if this will answer.

CHAS. W. FAIRBANKS.

H. M. Du Bose moved the reconsideration of the vote by which the Conference selected eight o'clock this evening as the time for the hearing of the Fraternal Delegates of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the motion prevailed.

Change of time
for hearing
Fraternal
Delegates.

H. M. Du Bose moved that when we adjourn on Fri-

day next, we adjourn to meet at eight o'clock Friday evening for the purpose of hearing these Fraternal Messengers; and the motion prevailed.

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TENTH DAY.**

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved that the programme for the mass meeting in the interest of the American Bible Society be reinstated for this evening at eight o'clock; and the motion prevailed.

American Bible Society mass meeting.

The Chair announced the committee on the memorial concerning Reed Smoot as follows: John L. Wheat, T. T. Fishburne, J. W. Saylor, J. E. Moore, N. L. Linebaugh.

Committee on Reed Smoot memorial.

Conference adjourned, with the doxology, and the benediction pronounced by W. F. Glenn, of the North Georgia Conference.

Adjournment.

ELEVENTH DAY, TUESDAY, MAY 15, 1906.

**MAY 15.
ELEVENTH DAY.
Conference meets.**

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Wilson in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by J. H. Weaver, of the North Carolina Conference, who read Psalm xlvii., announced hymn No. 46,

Religious services.

I love thy Church, O God,
The house of thine abode,

and led in prayer.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Minutes approved.

Bishop Duncan took the chair.

**Bishop Duncan presides.
Leave of absence granted J. W. Bale, M. O. Hughes, W. G. Post, F. P. Culver.**

Leave of absence was granted John W. Bale, a lay delegate from the North Georgia Conference, from the sessions of Wednesday and Thursday, on account of urgent business.

Leave of absence was also granted M. O. Hughes, a lay delegate from the Louisville Conference, and W. G. Post, a lay delegate from the North Georgia Conference. F. P. Culver, of the North Alabama Conference, was granted leave of absence for the day.

J. G. Hamilton, lay alternate from the North Mississippi Conference, was recognized and seated in place of G. J. Leftwich.

J. G. Hamilton seated.

V. O. Hawkins, clerical alternate from the North Alabama Conference, was recognized and seated in place of F. P. Culver.

V. O. Hawkins seated.

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DAY.

W. M. Cox
seated.E. J. Garrison
resumes
seat.C. M. Arm-
strong's
protest.

W. M. Cox, clerical alternate from the Alabama Conference, was recognized and seated in place of J. S. Frazer.

E. J. Garrison, a lay delegate from the North Alabama Conference, resumed his seat.

C. M. Armstrong, of the Baltimore Conference, presented the following protest:

PROTEST OF C. M. ARMSTRONG.

The undersigned begs to make respectful but earnest protest against the action of our General Conference, now in session, which orders a commission to provide for and participate in preparing *a statement of our faith, and an expression of our doctrinal system.*

I believe that the members of this Conference did not realize the purport of the paper which they have adopted, and that the votes cast for it were so cast under the impression that the paper embodied certain ideas advanced in this discussion—namely, that the proposed action only contemplated a more concise and clear statement of the faith and doctrines now set forth in our Articles of Religion and doctrinal standards. This is not at all the purport of the paper adopted. That instrument authorizes the commission to draw up any statement of faith whatsoever, and to frame, without limitation, any expression of doctrinal system, which they may deem “called for in our day.”

In the enacting clause of the paper (the resolution which defines the authority and power of the commission) there is absolutely no limitation upon the commission as to the faith they may state, or the doctrines they may express, save that they shall be such faith and doctrines as they may deem are called for in our day.

The doctrines of Methodism are as firmly established, as fully known, and as widely accepted as those of any Church in America, if not in the whole Protestant world, and the undersigned protests earnestly against any movement in the name of our Church which ignores them, and most vehemently against a scheme which gives authority to any one to make a creed, faith, and set of doctrines for Methodism. Our General Conference did not intend to do this, but this is what has been done by the paper adopted. I insist that a dangerous mistake has been made. The delegates have voted for the ideas expressed in the debate, and not for the thing enacted in the resolution.

(Signed.)

C. M. ARMSTRONG.

A greeting from the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Little Rock Conference was read as follows:

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DAY.

EL DORADO, ARK., May 14, 1906.

General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Birmingham, Ala.

Greeting from
Woman's
Home Mis-
sion Society.

We in annual meeting send greetings. See Titus iii. 15.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

The Secretary moved that a reply be made, and the following response was sent: Reply of
Conference.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., May 15, 1906.

To Little Rock Conference Woman's Home Mission Society, El Dorado, Ark.

The General Conference appreciates your greeting, and prays God's presence in your session and abundant blessings on your work.

J. J. TIGERT, *Secretary*.

The Secretary distributed various documents to the several special and standing committees. Documents for
committees.

The list of standing committees was called for reports, and the following were presented: Reports of
standing
committees.

Reports Nos. 4 and 5 of the Committee on Episcopacy were read and placed on the calendar.

Reports Nos. 14 and 15 of the Committee on Revisals were read and placed on the calendar.

Reports Nos. 5 and 6 of the Committee on Education were read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Church Extension was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 7 of the Committee on Missions was read.

O. E. Brown, of the Missouri Conference, asked that the report of the Committee on Missions relative to the Scarritt Bible and Training School, presented yesterday and placed on the calendar, be withdrawn, and that Report No. 7, above, be substituted therefor. Permission was granted. Report on
Missions
withdrawn.

Reports Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 of the Committee on Missions were read and placed on the calendar.

Reports Nos. 3 and 4 of the Committee on Epworth League were read and placed on the calendar.

Reports Nos. 8 and 9 of the Committee on Finance were read and placed on the calendar.

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DAY.
Committee
changes.
Reports of
special com-
mittees.

Affairs on the
Pacific
Coast.

Paper on the
subject read
and adopted.

J. G. Hamilton, of the North Mississippi Conference, was substituted for G. J. Leftwich on the Committee on Itinerancy and on the Committee on Finance.

The list of special committees was called for reports, and the following were presented:

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Rules of Order was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Federation was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Annual Statistical Blanks was read and placed on the calendar.

Bishop Morrison called attention of the Conference to the sad condition of affairs on the Pacific Coast, and asked that the Missionary Secretary be allowed to read a paper relative thereto.

By consent, W. R. Lambuth, Missionary Secretary, read the paper.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved that the rules be suspended, and the motion prevailed.

James Atkins, of the Western North Carolina Conference, moved the adoption of the paper, and it was adopted as follows:

Whereas, the College of Bishops and the Boards of Missions and of Church Extension have made an appeal to the Church to raise a fund for the immediate relief of our Methodist people who are suffering acutely in consequence of the terrible calamity of earthquake and fire which has destroyed and injured our churches and made homeless a number of our best members, thereby paralyzing their efforts to maintain our institutions; and

Whereas, the latest advices from the Coast indicate an imperative need of personal aid, and a damage in church property which can only be repaired at an outlay of \$25,000; and

Whereas, only the sum of \$7,500 has been received to date:

Resolved, That the General Conference now in session in Birmingham expresses its deep and heartfelt sympathy with the sufferers, its admiration of their heroic spirit, and hereby endorses the action of the College of Bishops, and of the Board of Missions, and of the Board of Church Extension, by urging immediate collections and gifts on the part of all our preachers and people, which shall be sent to Mr. J. D. Hamilton, Treasurer of the Board of

Missions, Nashville, Tenn., to be applied as the College of Bishops may direct.

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(Signed.) W. R. LAMBUTH, JOHN C. KILGO,
SETH WARD, W. F. McMURRY.
T. T. FISHBURNE,

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Bishop
Wilson's
selection as
chairman of
Commission
on State-
ment of
Doctrine.

Resolved, That this General Conference desires to place on record in its Journal its hearty appreciation of, and its entire satisfaction with, the action of the College of Bishops in naming our beloved and wise senior bishop, Alpheus W. Wilson, D.D., as the Chairman of the Commission on the Ecumenical Statement of Methodist Doctrine.

(Signed.) JNO. J. TIGERT,
A. F. WATKINS.

W. L. Nelms, of the Northwest Texas Conference, moved that the rules be suspended and that Report No. 3 of the Committee on Episcopacy be taken from the calendar and put upon its passage, and the motion prevailed.

Report No. 3
on Episcopa-
cy taken up
and read.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Episcopacy was read as follows:

COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY, REPORT NO. 3.

Your Committee on Episcopacy have considered the question of the number of bishops to be elected by this General Conference, as presented to us in the reference to that matter by the Address of the College of Bishops and other papers referred to us, especially a memorial from a large number of the laymen attendant upon this session; and we recommend that this Conference shall elect, at the present session, *three* bishops.

Respectfully submitted:

PAUL WHITEHEAD, *Chairman*.
W. L. NELMS, *Secretary*.

C. H. Briggs, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, moved to strike out "three" and insert "two."

Amendments
proposed.

George M. Napier, of the North Georgia Conference, moved to strike out "three" and insert "four."

W. N. Ainsworth, of the South Georgia Conference, moved the previous question, and the motion prevailed.

Previous ques-
tion ordered.

J. A. Anderson, of the Arkansas Conference, moved for vote by orders.

Vote by orders
not agreed
to.

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The vote was taken on the motion for a vote by orders, and the motion did not prevail—but two votes being cast in the affirmative.

Motion to elect
four bishops
lost.

The vote was taken on the election of four bishops, and the motion did not prevail—79 votes being cast in the affirmative, and 175 in the negative.

Election of
three bishops
favored.

The vote for the election of three bishops was taken, and the motion prevailed—181 votes having been cast in the affirmative, and 77 votes in the negative.

Report of
committee
adopted.

The Chair declared the report of the committee adopted.

McLean's resolution fixing time and order of electing bishops and connectional officers.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, presented a resolution which was read by the Secretary as follows:

Resolved, That Thursday, 10 A.M., the 17th inst., be set as the time for the election of bishops and connectional officers, and in the following order: Bishops, Book Editor and Editor of the *Review*, Editor of the *Christian Advocate*, Editor of Sunday-school Literature, Secretary of the Board of Missions, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, General Secretary of the Epworth League, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, and Book Agents; and the elections shall continue until these officers are elected.

JOHN H. McLEAN,

R. C. DIAL.

Wilson's substitute laid on table.

John O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference, presented a substitute.

R. T. Wilson, of the Virginia Conference, moved that the substitute be laid on the table, and the motion prevailed—149 votes being cast in the affirmative, and 96 in the negative.

McLean's resolution adopted.

The resolution offered by J. H. McLean was adopted.

Rev. G. C. Rawlston, Fraternal Delegate from Colored M. E. Church, addresses the Conference.

H. M. Du Bose, of the Mississippi Conference, moved that the Conference do now hear the address of the Fraternal Delegate from the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America, and the motion prevailed.

Rev. G. C. Rawlston, Fraternal Delegate from the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America, was introduced and most happily addressed the Conference.

Lambuth's paper on work of Colored Church adopted.

W. R. Lambuth, of the Tennessee Conference, moved a suspension of the rules in order for the immediate consideration of a paper relative to the work of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America. The mo-

tion prevailed, and W. R. Lambuth read the paper, which, on motion, was adopted as follows:

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Whereas, in the providence of God we are closely related to, and deeply interested in, the prosperity of a great body of colored people, once members of our Church, set apart in what is called the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America; and

Whereas, it is both a duty and a privilege to do all we can for their welfare, educationally, religiously, and in respect to all that makes for the interests of their people:

Resolved, 1. That the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, assembled in Birmingham hereby requests the College of Bishops to appoint a commission of five to meet ■ similar commission of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church to be provided for by the General Conference now in session in the city of Memphis, Tenn., which commissions shall be authorized to confer with each other concerning the holding of institutes for colored preachers, the furtherance of educational work, the promotion of missionary efforts at home and abroad, and such questions as may pertain to federation and union of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America with other Colored Methodist Churches in the United States.

Resolved, 2. That in making the request of the General Conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church of America to appoint a commission with such power and scope as have been herein named, we do express and reaffirm our deep and heartfelt interest in the future of our colored brethren and of the race to which they belong.

(Signed.) W. R. LAMBUTH, O. E. BROWN,
T. T. FISHBURNE, MARK L. CARLISLE.
SETH WARD,

O. F. Sensabaugh, of the Northwest Texas Conference, moved that a special committee of five be appointed to make nominations for a Committee on General Conference Entertainment; and the motion prevailed.

Rev. Vicenti Santin, one of the editors of *El Evangelista Mexicana*, was introduced, and through Dr. George B. Winton, editor of the *Christian Advocate*, as interpreter, addressed the Conference.

B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, moved that when we adjourn to-morrow morning, we adjourn to meet to-morrow evening at eight o'clock.

John O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference,

Committee on
General
Conference
Entertainment
provided for.

Rev. V. Santin
addresses
Conference.

Motion to omit
afternoon
session fails.

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moved that the motion be laid on the table, and the motion prevailed—74 votes being cast in the affirmative, and 72 in the negative.

Adjournment.

Announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned with the doxology, and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. G. C. Rawlston, Fraternal Delegate from the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.

**MAY 16.
TWELFTH DAY.****TWELFTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 1906.****Conference
meets.**

Conference convened pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Duncan in the chair.

**Religious
services.**

Religious services were conducted by J. B. Robins, of the North Georgia Conference, and consisted of reading Philippians i., and singing hymn No. 388,

A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,

and prayer.

**Minutes
approved.**

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

**Bishop
Galloway
presides.
Frank Talbott
seated.**

Bishop Galloway took the chair.

Frank Talbott, lay alternate from the Virginia Conference, was recognized and seated in place of John P. Branch, principal.

**J. S. Frazer
and Alex
Sessoms
resume
seats.**

J. S. Frazer, of the Alabama Conference, resumed his seat.

Alex Sessoms, lay delegate from the Alabama Conference, resumed his seat.

**Leave of
absence
granted
W. F. Glenn,
F. A. Critz,
T. F. Brew-
er, J. T.
Peeler, P. A.
Hoiges.**

W. F. Glenn, of the North Georgia Conference; F. A. Critz, of the North Mississippi Conference; T. F. Brewer, of the Indian Mission Conference; J. T. Peeler, of the Memphis Conference; and P. A. Hodges, of the South Carolina Conference, were granted leave of absence.

**J. N. Snow
seated.**

J. N. Snow, clerical alternate from the North Georgia Conference, was recognized and seated in place of W. F. Glenn.

**L. H. Herring
seated.**

L. H. Herring, lay alternate from the Missouri Conference, was recognized and seated in place of J. N. Proctor.

**J. D. Walker
resumes
seat.**

J. D. Walker, of the North Georgia Conference, resumed his seat.

**L. B. Leigh
seated.**

L. B. Leigh, lay alternate from the Little Rock Con-

ference, was recognized and seated in place of C. C. Henderson.

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F. P. Culver, of the North Alabama Conference, resumed his seat.

F. P. Culver
resumes
seat.

Frank Talbott, of the Virginia Conference, was assigned to the Committee on Finance.

Committee
changes.

L. B. Leigh, of the Little Rock Conference, was assigned to committees in place of C. C. Henderson.

J. B. Green, lay alternate from the Alabama Conference, was recognized and seated in place of W. H. Samford.

J. B. Green
seated.

The roll of standing committees was called, and the following reports were read and placed on the calendar:

Reports of
standing
committees.

Reports Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23 of the Committee on Itinerancy.

Reports Nos. 7, 8, 9, and 10 of the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Church Extension was received and read, and, on motion of W. F. McMurry, chairman of the committee, the rules were suspended and the report put upon its passage.

Report No. 4,
Church Ex-
tension, on
death of Dr.
Whisner,
adopted by
rising vote.

The report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION, REPORT NO. 4.

We unanimously recommend the following for adoption:

It is our sad duty to record the death of Rev. Peter H. Whisner, D.D., of the Baltimore Conference, who for the past eight years has been the honored and efficient Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Board. He was born near Berkley Springs, Morgan county, in what is now West Virginia, February 1, 1837, and was called to his reward at Baltimore, Md., on the 21st day of April, 1906.

When our former Secretary, Rev. David Morton, D.D., fell at his post just before the General Conference of 1898, the mind of the Church turned with remarkable unanimity to Dr. Whisner, as a man peculiarly qualified for taking up this work and carrying it forward into its ever-expanding sphere of usefulness. Now that his work is done, the whole Church mourns his loss.

This humble servant of God and honored representative of our Church has won for himself a name among us which will remain as a benediction for many years to come. He had those qualities of heart and mind that inspired in all who knew him the utmost confidence in the sincerity of

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his motives and the purity of his methods. Everybody trusted him, and he never betrayed a trust. His most distinguishing characteristic was his entire consecration to the service of his beloved Church. Whatever he was or had was always employed in the extension of the Master's cause. All the splendid forces of his mind and heart found their utmost exercise in the work of the Church. His strong intellect, under perfect self-mastery; his remarkable soundness of judgment, detecting the first appearance of error or wrong; his great heart of genuine generous human sympathy, moved in compassion at every object of pity or want—these qualities were ever at the command of the Church.

Dr. Whisner believed in the consecration of material good to Christ's cause. While he lived the simplest life he was constantly bestowing upon the Church the benefactions of a liberal heart. As an instance of this there was found a large loan fund in the hands of the Church Extension Board marked "W" in use years before Dr. Whisner was elected Secretary, but only one or two members of the Board knew who was the generous donor until after his death. It was thus learned that "W" stood for Whisner. This is only an index of the manner in which he bestowed all his material resources upon the cause which had enlisted the passionate devotion of his life. Nor was there any emotion or sentiment of the inner life that did not enter into this complete consecration. He was above personal ambition for place or power. With him Christ was given the preëminence. Upon those rare occasions when he was misunderstood or misjudged, his only care was that the cause be not blamed.

His name is indissolubly linked with the great work of Church Extension. More than a church a day for the past eight years built or assisted by the Board is the undying record of his zeal in his work, and his fidelity to the task intrusted to him by his Church. May his life mark the high standard for this great department of Church work in the years to come.

W. F. McMURRY, *Chairman*.

T. B. KING, *Secretary*.

Rev. J. F.
Goucher
presented.

Rev. John F. Goucher, a former Fraternal Messenger from the Methodist Episcopal Church, was presented to the Conference.

Reports on
calendar.

The following reports were read and placed on the calendar:

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Church Extension.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Boundaries.

Reports Nos. 7 and 8 of the Committee on Sunday Schools. MAY 16.
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Report No. 3 of the Committee on Appeals was read and went to record as follows: Report No. 3
on Appeals
put to rec-
ord.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS, REPORT NO. 3.

Your committee have carefully considered the appeal of W. W. Hicks, of the Holston Conference, and the judgment of the lower court is affirmed.

CHARLES B. GALLOWAY, *Chairman*.

C. H. BRIGGS, *Secretary*.

The roll of special committees was called for reports, and the following were read and placed on the calendar: Reports of
special com-
mittees
placed on
calendar.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on the American Bible Society.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Federation.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Sabbath Observance.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on the Reed Smoot Case.

B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, moved that the Conference take from the calendar Report No. 2 of the Committee on Itinerancy, and the motion prevailed. Report No. 2
on Itineran-
cy taken up.

The Rev. Dinsdale T. Young, Fraternal Messenger from the British Wesleyan Conference, bade farewell to the Conference in a few fitting remarks. Rev. Dinsdale
T. Young
bids Confer-
ence adieu.

The Chair gracefully responded.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Itinerancy was read. Reponse by
Chair.
Report No. 2
on Itineran-
cy and a mi-
nority re-
port read.

A minority report was read in connection therewith.

R. E. Blackwell, of the Virginia Conference, moved that the rules be suspended, and that speeches be limited to five minutes. Blackwell's
motion to
limit
speeches.

J. A. Burrow, of the Holston Conference, moved to substitute ten minutes for five on all calendar matters. Burrow's sub-
stitute,
under sus-
pension of
rules,
adopted.

The motion to suspend the rules prevailed.

The substitute was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That our rules of order be suspended, and that all speeches on calendar business be limited to ten minutes.

(Signed.)

J. A. BURROW,

H. M. DU BOSE.

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Henry's substitute for item 1 of report.
Casteel's amendment.
Whitehead's point of order not sustained.

Report considered item by item,

Item 1 read, discussed, and adopted.

Official letter from Washington.

N. B. Henry, of the St. Louis Conference, offered a substitute for item 1 of the report of the committee.

B. J. Casteel, of the Missouri Conference, moved an amendment to the substitute.

Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, arose to the point of order that this was not an amendment to the substitute, but a substitute for the substitute, and hence not in order.

The Chair did not sustain the point of order.

B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, moved that the report be considered item by item, and the motion prevailed.

Item 1 was read.

R. G. Waterhouse, of the Holston Conference, moved to adopt the item.

R. T. Wilson, of the Virginia Conference, moved the previous question, and the motion prevailed.

J. L. Wheat, of the Louisville Conference, moved the vote by orders, and the motion did not prevail.

The vote was taken on the amendment to the substitute, and it did not prevail.

The vote was taken on the substitute, and it did not prevail.

The vote was then taken on item 1 of the report, and it was adopted.

The following privileged communication was read by the Secretary and went to record:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

WASHINGTON, May 12, 1906.

John J. Tigert, Secretary General Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Birmingham, Ala.

Sir: The Department has received, by reference from the President, your letter of the 7th inst., with which you transmit a copy of resolutions adopted by the General Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The said resolutions have been carefully noted.

Respectfully,

(Signed.)

LAURENCE O. MURRAY,

Assistant Secretary,

Pr. W. S.

Conference to meet at 2:30 P.M.

James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, moved

that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 2:30 this afternoon, and the motion prevailed.

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Item 2 of the report was read.

Item 2, Report No. 2 on Itinerancy, read. Motion to substitute minority report for item 2. Briggs's amendment tabled.

Sam Robinson, of the Western Virginia Conference, moved that the minority report be substituted for the item read.

C. H. Briggs, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, offered an amendment.

Sterling Fisher, of the West Texas Conference, moved that the amendment be laid on the table, and the motion prevailed.

J. W. Hill, of the North Texas Conference, moved the previous question, and the motion prevailed.

Previous question ordered.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, moved an extension of time for the vote to be taken, and the motion did not prevail.

Motion to extend time lost.

The vote was then taken on the minority report, and it was adopted.

Minority report adopted.

Bishop Duncan announced the committee to nominate the Committee on General Conference Entertainment as follows: J. W. Moore, G. D. Shands, John R. Nelson, R. A. Child, John L. Wheat.

Committee on Conference Entertainment announced.

Announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned with the doxology, and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. Dinsdale T. Young, Fraternal Delegate from the British Wesleyan Conference.

Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 2:30 P.M. pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Galloway in the chair.

Conference meets.

Religious service, consisting of the singing of hymn No. 463,

Religious service.

Jesus, Lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly,

and prayer, was conducted by H. B. Reams, of the Tennessee Conference.

Bishop Hendrix took the chair.

Item 3 of Report No. 2 of the Committee on Itinerancy was read and, on motion, adopted.

Bishop Hendrix presides. Item 3, Report No. 2 on Itinerancy, adopted. Report as amended adopted.

On motion of J. M. Barcus, of the North Texas Conference, the report, as amended, was adopted as follows:

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COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY, REPORT NO. 2.

1. Your committee has given careful consideration to memorials from the St. Louis District Conference; from the Abingdon Missionary Institute, Holston Conference; from the Quarterly Conference of Mulberry Street Church, Macon, South Georgia Conference; and from the official Board of Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans, asking for the removal of the time limit from the pastors of our Church.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with each of these memorials.

2. Your committee has considered a resolution signed by W. E. Arnold and C. H. Duty, asking for the extension of the time limit from four years to six years.

We recommend that the law on the subject remain unchanged.

3. The committee recommends nonconcurrence with a resolution signed by W. E. Arnold and C. H. Duty, proposing that paragraph 100 of the Discipline be amended by striking out all of the paragraph after the word "provided," and the insertion instead of the following: "That he shall not allow any presiding elder to remain in that office more than six years successively."

(Signed.)

B. F. LIPSCOMB, *Chairman.*

J. H. MCCOY, *Secretary.*

Report No. 3
on Rules
taken up.

John O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference, moved that Report No. 3 of the Committee on Rules be taken from the calendar, and the motion prevailed, with 55 votes in the affirmative and 44 in the negative.

Items 1, 2, 3
read and
adopted.
Report as a
whole
adopted.

Items 1, 2, and 3 were read and adopted.

On motion, the report as a whole was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON RULES, REPORT NO. 3.

1. Your Committee on Rules has carefully considered a paper signed by John O. Willson and E. O. Watson, asking that the rule of order requiring amendments to a pending matter to be written in duplicate be rescinded. They recommend nonconcurrence.

2. They have also considered a paper signed by R. W. Tucker, H. H. White, and E. P. Ryland, asking that members desiring to participate in debate send their names, in writing, to the presiding officer, who shall recognize delegates in the order in which their names reach him, and that all members be required to come to the platform when addressing the Conference. They recommend nonconcurrence.

3. They have also considered a paper signed by P. C. Thurmond and J. M. Robertson, asking that Rule 10, which establishes the order of precedence of motions, be abrogated, and that the "Essentials of Parliamentary Law," by Dr. E. W. Alderson, be adopted as the parliamentary standard of this General Conference. They recommend nonconcurrency.

(Signed.)

JNO. J. TIGERT, *Chairman*.

G. H. Lamar, an alternate lay delegate from the Baltimore Conference, was recognized and seated in place of M. L. Walton, and was assigned to the committees on Sunday Schools and Temperance.

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G. H. Lamar
seated and
assigned to
committees.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Revisals was read.

John M. Barcus, of the Northwest Texas Conference, presented a substitute, which was read.

Report No. 3
on Revisals
read.
Barcus pre-
sents a sub-
stitute.
Mann's mo-
tion to
amend

E. G. B. Mann, of the Kentucky Conference, moved to amend the substitute by striking out "four" and inserting "two."

Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, presented an amendment to the amendment.

Whitehead's
amendment
to the
amendment.
Tigert's mo-
tion to re-
commit fails.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, moved to recommit the report, with the amendments, in order that the committee might bring in a uniform plan for District Conference work. The motion did not prevail.

M. K. Clements, of the North Alabama Conference, moved the previous question, and the motion prevailed.

Previous ques-
tion ordered.

E. G. B. Mann, of the Kentucky Conference, arose to the point of order that Paul Whitehead's amendment was out of order, since no substitute can have two amendments. The point of order was sustained.

Whitehead's
amendment
out of order.

The vote was taken on the amendment to the substitute, and it did not prevail.

Amendment
to substitute
lost.

The vote was then taken on the report, and it was adopted as follows:

Report
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON REVISALS, REPORT NO. 3.

We have considered memorials from the Kentucky Conference, from the Nashville Preachers' Meeting, and from John M. Barcus and B. R. Bolton, concerning a uniform system of lay representation in District Conferences; and we recommend nonconcurrency.

Respectfully submitted:

(Signed.)

GROSS ALEXANDER, *Chairman*.

Z. T. BENNETT, *Secretary*.

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Report No. 3
on Federa-
tion on cal-
endar.

W. B. Stubbs
resumes
seat.

Report No. 4
on Revisals
adopted.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Federation was read and placed on the calendar.

W. B. Stubbs, a lay delegate from the South Georgia Conference, resumed his seat.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Revisals was read and, on motion, adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON REVISALS, REPORT NO. 4.

We have considered a memorial from the Holston Conference, and a resolution signed by Jno. J. Tigert, Paul Whitehead, A. F. Watkins, and F. S. Parker, asking that a new paragraph (78) be inserted in the Discipline prescribing questions to be used in conducting the business of District Conferences.

We recommend nonconcurrence.

Respectfully submitted:

(Signed.)

GROSS ALEXANDER, *Chairman.*

Z. T. BENNETT, *Secretary.*

Items 1 and 2
of Report
No. 5 on Re-
visals read
and adopted,
and report
as a whole
adopted.

Items 1 and 2 of Report No. 5 of the Committee on Revisals were read and adopted; and, on motion, the report as a whole was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON REVISALS, REPORT NO. 5.

Item 1. We have considered a resolution signed by W. E. Arnold and E. G. B. Mann, of the Kentucky Conference, praying that the word "contributed" be substituted for the word "done," in Question 33 of the proceedings of an Annual Conference, paragraph 52, page 28 of the Discipline, so that the question shall read:

"What has been contributed for the American Bible Society?"

We recommend concurrence.

Item 2. We have had before us a resolution from the same, proposing that the words "officers and" be inserted in Question 27 of the Annual Conference proceedings, paragraph 52, page 28 of the Discipline, so that the question shall read:

"What is the number of Sunday-school officers and teachers?"

We recommend concurrence.

Respectfully submitted:

(Signed.)

GROSS ALEXANDER, *Chairman.*

Z. T. BENNETT, *Secretary.*

Report No.
on Revisals
read.

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Revisals was read.

A motion was made that the report be adopted, and it did not prevail.

Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, moved that the General Conference concur in the resolution presented by W. E. Arnold and E. G. B. Mann. The motion prevailed, and the resolution was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the words "is necessary" be stricken out of Question 29 in the proceedings of an Annual Conference (paragraph 52, page 28) and the words "was assessed by the last Conference" be inserted instead, so that the question shall read as follows:

"What amount was assessed by the last Conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?"

Items 1 and 2 of Report No. 7 of the Committee on Revisals were read and, on motion, adopted.

On motion, the report as a whole was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON REVISALS, REPORT NO. 7.

Item 1. We have had before us a paper submitted by John W. Heidt, of the North Georgia Conference, proposing the following amendment to paragraph 163 of the Discipline:

"An Annual Conference may place upon its list of claimants for the fund for superannuates any local preacher who has served as a supply for as many as fifteen years."

We recommend nonconcurrence.

Item 2. On a resolution of John M. Moore and T. N. Ivey, to the effect that the minutes of each Annual Conference shall contain the name, address, and orders of all local preachers who hold their membership within the bounds of that Conference, to be added to paragraph 63, page 33, of the Discipline.

We recommend nonconcurrence.

Respectfully submitted:

(Signed.)

GROSS ALEXANDER, *Chairman*.

Z. T. BENNETT, *Secretary*.

Report No. 8 of the Committee on Revisals was read and adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON REVISALS, REPORT NO. 8.

We recommend concurrence in the resolution offered by James M. Robertson and W. Erskine Williams, that the words "next succeeding" be stricken out of paragraph 292,

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Motion to adopt fails.
Resolution amending ¶ 52 of Discipline adopted.

Items 1 and 2 of Report No. 7 on Revisals read and adopted, and report as a whole adopted.

Report No. 8 on Revisals read and adopted.

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page 123, of the Discipline, so that the paragraph shall read as follows: "The District Conference shall proceed to investigate the case," instead of "The District Conference next succeeding shall proceed to investigate the case."

Respectfully submitted:

(Signed.)

GROSS ALEXANDER, *Chairman.*

Z. T. BENNETT, *Secretary.*

Report No. 9
on Revisals
read and
adopted.

Report No. 9 of the Committee on Revisals was read and adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON REVISALS, REPORT NO. 9.

Your Committee on Revisals has considered the following resolution signed by J. T. Hilburn and T. J. Nixon:

"*Resolved*, That paragraph 175 on page 78 of the Discipline be amended by adding to the fourth line of this paragraph, after the word 'orders,' the following words: '**or having been ordained.**' So that the paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

"After such reception and recommendation by the District Conference, the Annual Conference, if satisfied of their being in orders, or *having been ordained*, and of their agreement with us in doctrine and discipline, and also of their gifts, grace, and usefulness, may recognize them accordingly, without the reimposition of hands, on condition that they take upon them our ordination vows. If they cannot attend the Annual Conference, they shall send up a certified subscription to our doctrines and discipline, and to our ordination vows.'"

We recommend nonconcurrence.

Respectfully submitted:

(Signed.)

GROSS ALEXANDER, *Chairman.*

Z. T. BENNETT, *Secretary.*

Report No. 10
on Revisals
read and
laid on table.

Report No. 10 of the Committee on Revisals, concerning the qualifications of members of the General Conference, was read and, on motion, laid on the table.

Report No. 1
on Publishing
Interests, and a
minority report,
taken
up and read.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was taken from the calendar and read. In connection with the report a minority report was read.

Motion to
adopt minority
report.
Previous ques-
tion ordered,
and substitute
rejected.

C. M. Armstrong, of the Baltimore Conference, moved that the minority report be adopted as a substitute for the report of the committee.

The previous question was ordered, on motion. The vote was taken on the substitute, and it did not prevail.

Report of
committee
adopted.

The vote was then taken on the report of the committee, and it was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS. REPORT
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Your committee has carefully considered the paragraph in the Episcopal Address concerning the consolidation of official papers; a resolution on the same subject presented by H. M. Du Bose, R. W. Millsaps, and others; memorials on the same subject from the Mississippi Annual Conference, the North Mississippi Annual Conference, the Alabama Annual Conference, and the Virginia Annual Conference; and a resolution signed by James Cannon, Jr., and R. H. Bennett.

Your committee agrees with the opinion on this subject expressed in the Episcopal Address, and presents the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the number of official organs of Annual Conferences should be substantially reduced in order that their excellence may be increased and their influence augmented. And we recommend that Annual Conferences contiguous to each other combine in the support of one paper, whenever such combination is practicable.

W. B. PALMORE, *Chairman*.

E. B. CHAPPELL, *Secretary*.

The following resolutions on the order of voting for bishops and connectional officers were passed:

Order of
voting for
bishops and
connectional
officers de-
termined.

Resolved, 1. That in the election of bishops and connectional officers the roll of Conferences shall be called, and the chairman of each delegation shall announce the number of votes cast by his delegation and count the votes into the hands of the tellers.

Resolved, 2. That the Chair shall appoint six tellers, who shall act during the election of bishops and connectional officers.

A. F. WATKINS,

F. S. PARKER.

The following tellers were named by the Chair: H. A. Boaz, G. M. Napier, S. P. Cresap, F. M. Thomas, T. C. Banks, and T. B. King.

Tellers named.

W. N. Ainsworth, of the South Georgia Conference, moved that the Conference now adjourn, and the motion prevailed.

Adjournment.

After singing the doxology, the Conference adjourned, with the benediction pronounced by Dr. John F. Goucher, a former Fraternal Delegate to this General Conference from the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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DAY.
Conference
meets.

Religious
services.

THIRTEENTH DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1906.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Hendrix in the chair.

Religious services, consisting of a part of the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel according to John, the announcing of hymn No. 334,

My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,

and prayer, were conducted by J. H. Fraiser, of the North Mississippi Conference.

Minutes
approved.

The minutes of the sessions of yesterday morning and afternoon were read and approved.

Presentation
of Hymnal
to Bishop
Hendrix.

C. H. Briggs, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, gracefully presented Bishop Hendrix a handsome copy of the Methodist Hymnal as a tribute of affection from members of the General Conference from Missouri. The Bishop fittingly responded.

Bishop Key
presides.
Dr. Pinson's
report as
Fraternal
Delegate
read and
filed for
record.

Bishop Key took the chair.

The Secretary read the report of Rev. W. W. Pinson, D.D., Fraternal Delegate to the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America, which was filed for record as follows:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: As your Fraternal Delegate to the General Conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church now in session in Memphis, I visited that body on the 13th inst., and had the honor of bearing your fraternal greetings and expressions of good will. Your messenger was received with great cordiality and with the utmost evidences of appreciation, and his message was responded to with most hearty expressions of love and respect for the "Mother Church," as they are pleased to denominate us.

They bade me say to you that they love you, that they are trying to preserve the best traditions they inherited from you, and are trying to keep to the old landmarks of Methodism. They recognize and appreciate your help and sympathy, and their eyes turn toward you for counsel and encouragement for their Church and their race.

Respectfully,

W. W. PINSON.

D. W. Carter
introduced.

D. W. Carter, Superintendent of the Cuban Mission, was introduced to the Conference.

B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, presented a resolution calling for full and detailed reports of all Conference proceedings in the *Daily Advocate*.

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Resolution as to reports in *Advocate* not adopted. Counting the vote after each ballot.

The resolution did not prevail.

The following resolution of C. H. Briggs, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, was adopted:

Resolved, That the tellers retire with the Secretary to count the vote after each ballot is taken.

C. H. BRIGGS,
F. S. PARKER.

The list of standing committees was called for reports, and the following were presented:

Reports of standing committees.

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Episcopacy was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 7 of the Committee on Episcopacy was read. On motion of Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, the rules were suspended, and the report was adopted by a rising vote as follows:

Report No. 7 on Episcopacy adopted by a rising vote.

COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY, REPORT NO. 7.

Your Committee on Episcopacy respectfully submit this report concerning that part of the Episcopal Address which informed us of the death of Bishops Hargrove and Keener. We have prepared, and now report for adoption by this Conference and entry upon its Journal, memorial tributes to these faithful and lamented servants of our Church, who, having exercised among us this high office, have been removed from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant.

Thus reverently and tenderly would we embalm their memory and leave on record our sincere estimation of their lives and service in "the kingdom and patience of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Respectfully submitted:

PAUL WHITEHEAD, *Chairman*.
W. L. NELMS, *Secretary*.

BISHOP HARGROVE.

We could wish that for our sakes a kind Providence had spared Bishop R. K. Hargrove, an "honored son of Alabama," to answer to his name at the roll call of the first General Conference of the Church that has ever been held in his native state. But that privilege being denied us, we can rejoice in the assurance that he has ascended and taken his seat in the General Assembly and Church of the first-

Memorial tribute to Bishop Hargrove.

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Tribute to
Bishop
Hargrove.

born, whose names are written in heaven. It is fitting that even a brief statement of the important facts in the life of this great leader of our Zion, whom the Church honored, and who in turn honored the Church which he loved and served with never-failing fidelity, should point out how much we owe to Alabama and to Alabama Methodism for the gift of this good and great man.

Robert Kennon Hargrove was born in Pickens county, Ala., September 17, 1829, and died at his home in the city of Nashville, Tenn., August 3, 1905. His grandfather was an honored and useful local preacher in our Church, and was a cousin of Bishop McKendree, whose sacred dust rests beside that of Bishops Soule and McTyeire, on the campus of Vanderbilt University. His father's name was Daniel J. Hargrove, and he was for fifty years a devout and faithful class leader in the Church. An anxious mother once asked Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes how soon a boy ought to be started to school. "Fifty years before he is born," was the prompt reply of the great educator and scholar. "Begin with his grandfather and grandmother, if not sooner, and continue his education in and through his father and mother, and let this ante-natal education be of the high order that it should be, intellectually and socially and morally, and then it matters but little whether the boy be five or six or seven years of age when he is started to school." You cannot make such noble types of manhood as Bishop R. K. Hargrove in one generation of time. His education for his great life work began far back in the sturdy, honest, and noble ancestry whose best traits of character came to finest expression in the son whose name now casts honor upon all the family that preceded him. With a faithful Methodist local preacher for a grandfather, and a faithful class leader for a father, and a healthful country farm in the state of Alabama for a home, young Robert Hargrove had the best possible start in life. He was born of parents that believed in home piety and education. He was converted and joined the Church early in life. He was educated at the State University at Tuscaloosa, from which institution he graduated with the Master of Arts degree in 1852. He was Professor of Mathematics in this institution from 1853 to 1857. He joined the Alabama Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1857, and was sent to Macon Circuit, in the Columbus District; then to New Prospect in 1858; city of Columbus in 1859; Summerfield in 1860 and 1861; Greensboro, 1862; St. Francis Street, Mobile, 1863 and 1864; President of Centenary Institute, 1865 to 1867. In 1868 he was transferred to the Kentucky

Conference, and was stationed for a short time at Lexington, but was, during the fall of the same year (1868), received by transfer into the Tennessee Conference and stationed at Franklin. In 1869 he became President of the Tennessee Female College, located in the same town, and he continued to hold that position until 1873, when he became pastor of McKendree Church from 1873 to 1875. He was next presiding elder of the Nashville District from 1875 to 1879. From 1879 to 1881 he was presiding elder of the Franklin District; in the fall of 1881 he was sent to the Clarksville District, and before this ecclesiastical year was out he was elected bishop in May, 1882, not being himself a member of the General Conference that elected him.

Thus we see how this trained young itinerant went from place to place at the appointment of the Church, not merely filling, but more than filling, the various positions to which he was appointed. He had that complete and rounded training and experience that fitted him in the highest degree for the office of a bishop, which office he filled most honorably and nobly till he laid down his work in August last.

Bishop Hargrove's domestic life was more than ordinarily happy. He was twice married, first on November 10, 1852, to Miss Harriet C. Scott, of Alabama, by whom he had two sons and two daughters, three of whom are living. She belonged to one of the best families of Alabama, and was to him, as long as she lived, all that an itinerant preacher or college president or bishop could desire. His second marriage, on June 20, 1895, was to Mrs. Ruth E. Scarritt, of Kansas City, Mo. This cultured woman, who is known for her active interest in the Home Mission Society work of our Church, still survives him, and is honored throughout the Church not less than was her devoted husband.

Bishop Hargrove represented our Church in the Cape May Commission that met in 1876 to adjudicate matters of difference between the two branches of Episcopal Methodism; and again in 1898 he was appointed a member of the Commission on Federation that was charged with carrying forward to harmonious and final adjustment the relations between the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Upon the death of Bishop McTyeire, in 1889, Bishop Hargrove was elected his successor as President of the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University, the duties of which office he filled with conscientious fidelity and great satisfaction to the Board and to the faculty and students of the university.

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Those who were long acquainted with him in this last-named relationship came to look upon him as a personal friend and father. He sustained none but the most pleasant relations to all who were connected with the university during his administration.

Bishop Hargrove was one of the most affable and courteous Christian gentlemen that we have ever had in our ministry. He was not given to or gifted in what may be called the small talk of the social circle; but let some matter of great importance be brought up for interchange of opinion, and none was more ready to converse than he. His mind was occupied always with the great thoughts and important interests of the Church to which his life was given. Peace be to the ashes and all honor be to the memory of this modest man of God and this courageous leader of men, who so greatly honored this General Conference and so faithfully served the Church that we all love.

W. F. TILLET,
A. J. LAMAR.

BISHOP KEENER.

Memorial
tribute to
Bishop
Keener.

On the 19th day of January, 1906, at his home in the city of New Orleans, La., the venerable Senior Bishop of our Church departed out of "this present life," bidding adieu to the Church and its work in which he had been so conspicuous an actor. This General Conference would place upon its records a brief memorial of his career and character.

A native of Baltimore, Md., John Christian Keener removed to the South about seventy years ago. After a stay in Alabama, where he was converted in 1837, and five years later entered the Christian ministry, he came to New Orleans, and from that time on was identified with Methodism in the Crescent City and in the South. Rising successively to positions of importance and prominence, he was, in 1870, elected to the episcopacy, and for nearly thirty years discharged the duties of this high office in all quarters of our Southern Church. When almost eighty years of age, he requested superannuation, yet for about eight years longer, in the comparative privacy of old age and bodily feebleness, "served his generation by the will of God," as opportunity served and occasion offered, till, in a ripe old age, having outlived nearly all the members of his immediate family, he "caught a smile" from Jesus and "dropped into eternity."

A man of distinguished and remarkable personality, both physical and spiritual, he had great characteristics and achieved eminence in many departments of labor. Especial-

ly did he excel as a preacher. A man who could during his lifetime receive the highest encomiums from men like Bishop Marvin and Jefferson Davis, and at his death from preachers like Bishop Galloway and others, his episcopal colleagues, must have been indeed "a master of assemblies." The same features of persuasive and masterful address appeared in the speeches he delivered on occasions other than those of divine worship and service, yet of deep interest and significance. In these latter he liberated, as he did not in the pulpit, a wonderful endowment of humor, of subtle and penetrating wit and pleasant satire, which imparted a zest and brilliancy to his utterances.

He was a great ecclesiastical statesman and leader. If he sometimes narrowed the range and power of this by a too rigid conservatism, it was, when not so fettered, superb and thrilling. At such times he was a veritable Bayard, a knight *sans peur et sans reproche*. And so, because these things fired his royal imagination and challenged the display of his greatest qualities, he shone more, as a bishop, in such matters in enterprising and conducting the grand missionary movement upon Mexico than in the round of Conference presidencies and making appointments.

He was intensely patriotic as a Southern Methodist, and stood in the forefront of his Church's hosts at her darkest hours of trial and emergency, and would have gladly died, had it been needful, in the Thermopylæ of her liberties and hopes.

His decision of character and firmness and integrity of purpose gave tone to his whole life. A lofty and stainless integrity of conduct, a purity and simplicity of disposition and principle, a height of motives and ideals of life, were blended in a deep and rich religious experience. This found a practical expression and much felicity in leading in extemporaneous prayer—a quality often signally displayed.

In his home life he was eminently happy and influential. Drawing from its fountains of satisfaction much of the joy of a long life, he was able, with serene faith and noble resignation, to meet the sorrows and bereavements which at length crossed its threshold in the later years of his history, and was sustained by the hopes and mighty supports of the religion which had burned upon its altar "with inextinguishable blaze."

He was a vigorous and brilliant writer. From the inimitable, witty, and caustic brochure, "Post Oak Circuit," an anonymous publication which gave him his earliest reputation, to the graver productions of his riper years, he was no mean handler of the pen, and he gave to journalism in

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the cause of the Church a distinguished service. He was the second of the four "bishop-editors" of the *New Orleans Christian Advocate*—a succession having probably no parallel in the history of Church newspapers.

Not content with brilliant prose, he sometimes caught up the poet's lyre and swept its chords with no unskillful hand. He was a student of many departments of learning, exploring many fields of knowledge, and bringing his acquisitions to the vindication of God's glory in creation and providence, a theme of which he never tired.

As in full-orbed glory the sun of his earthly life has disappeared over the horizon of time, there is left a memory tender and sweet in the hearts of all who love our Southern Methodism, and who, in its departments of public or private service, glorifying their Lord and Master, magnify the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ in the grand old saint who loved him so deeply and served him so faithfully.

PAUL WHITEHEAD,
F. S. PARKER.

Election of
bishops and
others order
of the day.

The order of the day having arrived, the Secretary read the resolutions adopted concerning the manner of taking the vote and the list of tellers.

Devotional
exercises.

The Chair announced hymn No. 223,

Let Zion's watchmen all awake,
And take the alarm they give,

which was sung by the Conference, and called the Conference to prayer, led by G. C. Rankin, of the North Texas Conference.

First ballot for
bishops cast.

On the first ballot for bishops, 273 votes were cast, making 137 necessary to a choice.

The tellers and an Assistant Secretary retired to count the ballot.

Gavel and in-
vitation pre-
sented to
General Con-
ference.

W. B. Stubbs, of the South Georgia Conference, presented a gigantic gavel, made from the Wesley Oak near Savannah, Ga., and in the same connection presented an invitation to the General Conference to hold its next session in the city of Savannah, Ga.

Call of stand-
ing commit-
tees re-
sumed

The call of the standing committees was resumed, and the following reports were read and placed on the calendar:

Reports Nos. 16 and 17 of the Committee on Revisals.

Report No. 11 of the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Reports Nos. 13, 14, 15, and 16 of the Committee on Missions.

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The list of special committees was called for reports, and the following was presented:

Special committees called.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on the American Bible Society was read and placed on the calendar.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, arose to a question of privilege, and introduced a resolution making the Secretary and his assistants a special committee to sift the calendar.

Committee to sift calendar proposed.

J. D. Hammond, of the North Georgia Conference, moved to amend by adding the names of all chairmen of committees; and the amendment was accepted by the mover of the original resolution.

Amendment accepted.

R. E. Blackwell, of the Virginia Conference, moved that the resolution be laid on the table, and the motion prevailed.

Proposition laid on table.

John W. Bale, a lay delegate from the North Georgia Conference, resumed his seat.

J. W. Bale resumes seat.

Charles L. Bass, a lay delegate from the North Georgia Conference, was substituted for W. G. Post.

C. L. Bass substituted for W. G. Post.

The calendar was taken up.

Calendar taken up.
Report No. 2 on Education read.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Education was read.

John R. Nelson, of the Northwest Texas Conference, moved the previous question, and the motion prevailed.

Previous question ordered.

The report was adopted as follows:

Report adopted.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, REPORT NO. 2.

The Committee on Education recommends concurrence in the following resolution signed by John M. Moore, C. M. Bishop, O. E. Brown, John R. Nelson, and R. G. Waterhouse:

"Resolved, That paragraph 99, page 52, at the close of second line, be amended by the insertion of the words, 'or in any university for strictly university work,' so as to read, 'A bishop may appoint a preacher on trial, or a member of an Annual Conference, as a student in any of our institutions of learning, or in any university for strictly university work, when requested to do so by the Annual Conference, etc.'"

Respectfully submitted:

R. G. WATERHOUSE, *Chairman.*
JOHN M. MOORE, *Secretary.*

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Report No. 3 of the Committee on Education was read.

Report No. 3
on Educa-
tion.
Item 1 read.
Result of first
ballot for
bishops.

Item 1 was read.

The first ballot for bishops was announced as follows:

Jno. J. Tigert received 160 votes; J. C. Kilgo, 100; Seth Ward, 85; Collins Denny, 84; W. F. McMurry, 74; James Atkins, 70; W. F. Tillett, 58; W. B. Murrah, 54; E. W. Alderson, 24; W. F. Taylor, 9; B. F. Lipscomb and J. D. Hammond, each 7; R. G. Waterhouse and J. H. McCoy, 6 each; E. B. Chappell, C. M. Bishop, E. P. Ryland, A. J. Lamar, and Paul Whitehead, 4 each; G. B. Winton, Gross Alexander, J. A. Clifton, and J. A. Burrow, 3 each; F. J. Prettyman, James Cannon, Jr., W. J. Young, C. W. Byrd, O. E. Brown, J. B. Robins, and W. C. Davidson, 2 each; J. A. Kern, G. C. Kelly, John R. Nelson, J. M. Barcus, Sterling Fisher, James E. Dickey, James W. Lee, O. E. Grogean, S. P. Cresap, A. L. Andrews, J. S. Hutchinson, J. A. Anderson, J. B. Sears, W. T. McClure, W. B. Palmore, C. E. Dowman, E. G. B. Mann, W. E. Arnold, J. W. Daniel, M. L. Carlisle, J. W. Perry, J. H. Scruggs, F. Richardson, G. C. Rankin, S. R. Hay, J. J. N. Kenney, and J. E. Moore, 1 each.

Jno. J. Tigert
elected.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

R. W. Browder
seated.

R. W. Browder, a clerical alternate from the Louisville Conference, was recognized and seated in place of Jno. J. Tigert.

Jno. J. Tigert
resigns as
Secretary
and A. F.
Watkins
elected.

Jno. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, asked the privilege of resigning from the Secretaryship of the Conference, and nominated A. F. Watkins, of the Mississippi Conference, First Assistant Secretary, as Secretary of the General Conference. On motion, the resignation was accepted, and A. F. Watkins was elected Secretary.

second ballot
for bishops.

On the second ballot for bishops 273 votes were cast, making 137 necessary to a choice. The tellers, with an Assistant Secretary, retired to count the votes.

Result of sec-
ond ballot.

The Chair announced the result of the second ballot for bishops as follows: J. C. Kilgo, 109; Seth Ward, 96; Collins Denny, 88; James Atkins, 75; W. F. McMurry,

63; W. F. Tillett, 46; W. B. Murrah, 21; E. W. Alderson, 12; Paul Whitehead, 3; J. D. Hammond and Gross Alexander, 2 each; J. J. N. Kenney, E. P. Ryland, W. F. Taylor, J. H. Scruggs, G. C. Rankin, S. R. McKinney, O. E. Brown, and R. G. Waterhouse, 1 each.

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The Chair announced that there had been no election. No election.

On the third ballot for bishops 271 votes were cast, making 136 necessary to a choice. Third ballot for bishops.

The tellers and an Assistant Secretary retired to count the votes.

Consideration of item 1 of Report No. 3 of the Committee on Education was resumed. Item 1 of Report No. 3 on Education further considered.

J. B. McGehee, of the South Georgia Conference, moved to strike out the words "\$50,000" and insert the words "\$35,000." McGehee's motion to amend.

The Chair announced the result of the third ballot for bishops as follows: Seth Ward received 140 votes; J. C. Kilgo, 118; Collins Denny, 102; James Atkins, 76; W. F. McMurry, 57; W. B. Murrah, 20; W. F. Tillett, 12; J. D. Hammond and Paul Whitehead, 4 each; O. E. Brown, T. E. Sharp, B. F. Lipscomb, J. H. Scruggs, A. J. Lamar, J. C. Killough, E. W. Alderson, B. R. Bolton, and J. E. Godbey, 1 each. Result of third ballot for bishops.

Seth Ward, of the Texas Conference, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Seth Ward elected.

R. A. Child, of the South Carolina Conference, moved that the time be extended until the next vote can be counted, and the motion prevailed. Time extended for counting next vote.

Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, moved that the Conference do now adjourn; and the motion did not prevail. Motion to adjourn lost.

John O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference, moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon; and the motion prevailed. Adjournment to 3 p.m. agreed to.

Consideration of item 1 of Report No. 3 of the Committee on Education was resumed. Consideration of item 1 of Report No. 3 on Education resumed.

M. K. Clements, of the North Alabama Conference, moved the pending question; and the motion prevailed. Pending question moved and carried.

The question was put on the amendment, and it did not prevail. Amendment lost.

Item 1 of the Report of the Committee on Education was adopted. Item 1 adopted.

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Conference adjourned by expiration of time, and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Key.

Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference meets.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 3 P.M., Bishop Key in the chair.

Religious service.

Religious service was conducted by Rev. G. W. Wilson, of the Memphis Conference, and consisted of singing hymn No. 208,

I love thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of thine abode,

and prayer.

G. M. Napier
granted
leave of
absence.

George M. Napier, a lay delegate from the North Georgia Conference, was granted leave of absence on account of important professional engagements.

J. R. Bingham
named as
teller.

J. R. Bingham, of the North Mississippi Conference, was named as teller in place of George M. Napier.

E. W. Alder-
son in place
of J. W. Hill.

E. W. Alderson, a clerical alternate of the North Texas Conference, was put in place of J. W. Hill, of the North Texas Conference.

J. W. Jackson
granted
leave of
absence.
Bishop Candler
presides.
Fourth ballot
for bishops.

J. W. Jackson, a lay delegate of the Indian Mission Conference, was granted leave of absence.

Bishop Candler took the chair.

A fourth ballot for the election of bishops was taken: 271 votes were cast, making 136 necessary to a choice.

The tellers and an Assistant Secretary retired to count the votes.

Greetings
from Morris-
town Dis-
trict Con-
ference.

The following telegram was received from the Morristown District Conference, and, on motion of the Secretary, went to record:

JOHNSON CITY, TENN., May 17, 1906.

J. J. Tigert, Secretary General Conference, Birmingham, Ala.

Morristown District Conference, Holston Conference, now in session, send greetings. Congratulations on proposed restatement of Articles of Faith.

M. P. CARICO.

Motion to ad-
journ at 5
o'clock
adopted.

S. L. Dobbs, of the North Alabama Conference, moved that we adjourn at five o'clock, in order to accept the invitation of the Local Committee for a trolley ride. The motion prevailed.

Night session
provided
for.

R. E. Blackwell, of the Virginia Conference, moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at eight o'clock to-night; and the motion prevailed.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Education was resumed.

Item 2 was read, and, on motion, it was adopted.

Item 3 of the report was read.

W. H. Winton, of the Missouri Conference, moved to amend the item by inserting "literary" before "requirement" in the item.

James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, moved the previous question, and the motion prevailed.

The motion to amend did not prevail; and the vote being taken on the original item, it was adopted.

Item 4 of Report No. 3 of the Committee on Education was read and adopted.

On motion of J. M. Barcus, of the Northwest Texas Conference, the report was adopted as a whole, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, REPORT NO. 3.

The Committee on Education, having under consideration a memorial from the Board of Education, also the reports of the Secretary of Education and of the Director of the Correspondence School, begs leave to call the attention of the General Conference to the following facts.

During the past quadrennium our Church has been asked to contribute only \$30,000 per annum for general educational purposes; one-half of this amount being the assessment for the general purposes of the Board and for the Correspondence School; the other half being a contribution for Paine and Lane colleges. Your committee is of the opinion that the demands of the coming quadrennium cannot be met without an increase in the funds at our disposal. The field of our operations is necessarily enlarging, and larger demands call for larger resources. We call specific attention to the following divisions of our work:

I. The general work of the Board includes the operations of the office in Nashville; the gathering of statistics; the visitations of our schools and colleges; the work of the educational commission in examining into and classifying all our educational work; the publication of reports, educational tracts, and other documents; the conduct of a teachers' bureau, etc. This work is steadily growing in volume and importance.

II. *The Correspondence School.*—The history of this work in the past quadrennium has more than justified the action of the last General Conference in establishing it. A splendid beginning has been made, but it is only a beginning.

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Report No. 3
on Educa-
tion re-
sumed.

Item 2
adopted.

Item 3 read.

Proposed
amendment.

Previous ques-
tion ordered.

Motion to
amend lost,
and item 3
adopted.

Item 4 read
and adopted.

Report as a
whole
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In addition to correspondence courses covering the Conference course of study, the Director of the School is planning correspondence courses for candidates for admission on trial, for graduate students, for lay workers in the Sunday school and Church; also a circulating library for young preachers, and larger work in preachers' institutes and extension lectures.

III. *Work for Negroes.*—The Secretary of Education has made a strong appeal for this work in his report. As a Church we may not longer shirk our duty in this regard. Our peace and prosperity, our very civilization, are materially affected by our attitude toward this part of our population. The state should and will supply elementary and industrial education. For this we should use our influence as citizens. But the Church must do a large part in providing teachers and preachers. In this way we may hope to influence their higher life and thought. We should no longer limit our interest in this work to two institutions. The Board of Education should be provided with larger funds, and should be left free to seek out other fields where assistance can be profitably bestowed. The Colored Methodist Episcopal Church is peculiarly related to our own, is still loyal to our leadership, and offers us an opportunity to equip teachers and preachers who will be faithful to the best traditions of our life and to the teachings of our faith. Their record of fidelity to our people constitutes a strong ground of appeal to our justice and generosity.

IV. The three great fields already enumerated do not cover all the claims on us as a Church. The Board should be put in position to undertake new enterprises. Mission schools in various parts of our connection, particularly in the far West, call for assistance. In all our Church schools there are many students who by a small loan could be enabled to complete a course at school or college. For these reasons the Committee on Education recommends:

1. That the General Conference order an assessment for education of \$50,000 per annum to be expended by the Board of Education for the various purposes heretofore set forth, and that the Discipline be amended accordingly in paragraph 422, Article IX., line two, after the word "proceedings," by striking out the clause "to assess for its uses a sum not exceeding \$10,000 in any year," and inserting "to lay an assessment of \$50,000 annually to be known as the assessment for educational extension, the amount so raised to be distributed as follows: \$15,000 for the expenses of the Board and the Correspondence School; \$15,000 for school extension; and \$20,000 for the education of the colored peo-

ple"; and we further recommend that the last sentence of paragraph 421 be stricken out, which sentence reads, "The assessment for the General Board of Education shall be combined with the Conference educational assessment, and the amount collected shall be divided *pro rata*."

2. That in place of the resolution concerning the Correspondence School passed at the last General Conference an Article be added to the Discipline under the chapter on Education as follows:

"Paragraph 426, Article XIII. The Board of Education shall establish in Nashville, in connection with the Biblical Department of Vanderbilt University, and under the direction of its faculty, a Correspondence School for the purpose of extending the benefits of religious education to preachers, teachers, and other Christian workers, by means of correspondence courses, institutes, lectures, and such other methods as the Board may from time to time deem desirable; it shall appropriate for the maintenance of the school such sums as may be necessary; and shall elect quadrennially the Director of the School, and take such other steps as are necessary for its proper management."

3. That the Discipline be amended as follows: In paragraph 425, Article XII., fourth line, strike out the words "the minimum requirements for the baccalaureate degree in the colleges belonging to our Church, and also the minimum requirements for admission to the class of the first year, usually called the freshman class, in said colleges," and insert the words, "the minimum requirements to be demanded of institutions seeking recognition by the Board of Education as secondary schools (academies), colleges, or universities."

4. Your committee has also duly considered a memorial from the Preachers' Meeting of Nashville, Tenn., asking that examining committees be given authority to accept certificates of work done by candidates in the course of study in the Correspondence School and the colleges. Inasmuch as the results aimed at seem practically already attained by the resolution of the last General Conference and the subsequent action of most of the Annual Conferences, the committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Respectfully submitted:

R. G. WATERHOUSE, *Chairman*.

JOHN M. MOORE, *Secretary*.

The Chair announced the result of the fourth ballot for the election of bishops, as follows: J. C. Kilgo re-

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fourth
ballot for
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ceived 104 votes; Collins Denny, 88; James Atkins, 49; W. F. McMurry, 24; W. B. Murrah, 3; H. M. Du Bose and J. D. Hammond, each 1.

No election.

The Chair declared that there was no election.

Fifth ballot
for bishops.

A fifth ballot was taken for the election of bishops, and 272 votes were cast; number necessary to election, 137.

The tellers and an Assistant Secretary retired to count the votes.

Result of the
fifth ballot.

The Chair announced the result of the fifth ballot for the election of bishops as follows: J. C. Kilgo received 116; Collins Denny, 95; James Atkins, 31; W. F. McMurry, 25; W. B. Murrah, 3; J. D. Hammond, W. F. Tillett, and E. W. Alderson, each 1.

No election.

The Chair declared that there was no election.

Sixth ballot
for bishops.

The sixth ballot for the election of bishops was taken: 271 ballots were cast; necessary to a choice, 136.

The tellers and an Assistant Secretary retired to count the ballot.

Secretary di-
rected to
send fraternal
message
to Presbyter-
ian Assem-
bly.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Conference send fraternal greetings to the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church now convened in Greenville, S. C.

(Signed.)

H. W. HAMEL,
E. O. WATSON.

Telegram of
greeting
sent.

The following telegram of greeting was sent:

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., May 17, 1906.

General Assembly Southern Presbyterian Church, Greenville, S. C.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, sends fraternal greetings. Acts xx. 32.

A. F. WATKINS, *Secretary*.

Report No. 2
on Bound-
aries consid-
ered item by
item.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Boundaries was read and considered item by item.

Items 1 and 2
adopted.

Item 1 was read and adopted.

Item 2 was read and adopted.

Report as a
whole
adopted.

On motion, the report was adopted as a whole as follows:

COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES, REPORT NO. 2.

Item 1. The Committee on Boundaries had before it the following memorial from the Western Conference:

"To the Bishops and Members of the General Conference appointed to meet in Birmingham in May, 1906.

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"*Dear Fathers and Brethren:* Whereas the opening and development of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory has drawn so largely upon our membership in southwestern Kansas as considerably to reduce both the extent and prospects of our work there while strengthening our Church in the Indian Mission Conference:

"*Resolved,* That we, the members of the Western Conference, memorialize the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the next session so to change our boundaries as that what remains of our work be attached to the Southwest Missouri Conference, thus perpetuating our historic name under which we have wrought for the past thirty-five years."

In this your committee recommend concurrence, and that paragraph 529, page 298 of the Discipline, defining the boundaries of the Western Conference, be stricken out, and that the following be inserted in the place of paragraph 523, page 296 of the Discipline:

"The Southwest Missouri Conference shall include all that part of Missouri lying south of the Missouri River not included in the St. Louis Conference, and that portion of Kansas and Nebraska which formerly constituted the Western Conference, the town of Cabool being considered a part of the St. Louis Conference."

Item 2. Your committee had also before it the following memorial, adopted by the West Texas Conference, at Lockhart, November 4, 1905:

"To the Bishops and Members of the Fifteenth Session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

"*Dear Fathers and Brethren:* We, the West Texas Annual Conference, do hereby memorialize your body so to change the boundary line between the West Texas and the Northwest Texas Conferences as to include the counties of Brown, Coleman, Runnels, and Coke in the West Texas Conference, or to make some more convenient and equitable arrangement than at present exists."

Your committee recommends nonconcurrence.

(Signed.)

JOHN H. McLEAN, *Chairman.*

J. D. SCOTT, *Secretary.*

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Temperance was read.

Report No. 1
on Temper-
ance read.

H. W. Hamel, of the South Carolina Conference, moved to amend by striking out the words "as such" in lines thirty and thirty-one, and inserting "to any posi-

Hamel's mo-
tion to
amend.

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ballot for
bishops.

tion connected with the liquor traffic," and striking out in line thirty-two the word "dispensary," and inserting in line thirty-three "as a beverage."

The Chair announced the result of the sixth ballot for the election of bishops as follows: J. C. Kilgo received 123 votes; Collins Denny, 107; James Atkins, 10; W. F. McMurry, 23; W. F. Taylor, 3; W. B. Murrah, 2; Dr. Murray and E. W. Alderson, each 1.

No election.

The Chair declared that there was no election.

Seventh ballot
for bishops.

The seventh ballot was taken for the election of bishops: 271 ballots were cast; necessary to a choice, 136.

Result of the
seventh
ballot.

The Chair announced the result of the seventh ballot as follows: J. C. Kilgo received 128 votes; Collins Denny, 117; W. F. McMurry, 21; James Atkins, 3; W. B. Murrah, 2.

No election.

The Chair declared that there was no election.

Adjournment.

It was moved that we do now adjourn. The motion prevailed by 157 for and 67 against.

The doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Bishop Granbery, and the Conference adjourned.

NIGHT SESSION.

Conference
meets.

Conference convened pursuant to adjournment at 8 P.M., Bishop Candler in the chair.

Opening
hymn and
prayer.

Hymn No. 547,

Children of the heavenly King,
As we journey let us sing,

was sung, and W. E. Vaughan, of the Pacific Conference, led in prayer.

Bishop
Morrison
presides.
Eighth ballot
for bishops.

Bishop Morrison took the chair.

The eighth ballot for the election of bishops was taken: 262 votes were cast; necessary to a choice, 132.

The tellers and an Assistant Secretary retired to count the ballot.

Result of the
eighth
ballot.

The Chair announced the result of the eighth ballot for the election of bishops as follows: J. C. Kilgo received 106 votes; Collins Denny, 96; W. F. McMurry, 47; W. B. Murrah, 7; O. E. Brown, 3; James Atkins, 2; J. D. Hammond, 1.

No election.

The Chair declared that there was no election.

W. W. Smith, of the Virginia Conference, moved that

the action providing for the election of three bishops be reconsidered.

The Chair ruled that the motion was out of order.

The ninth ballot for the election of bishops was taken: 263 ballots were cast; necessary to a choice, 132.

The tellers and an Assistant Secretary retired to count the votes.

The Chair announced the result of the ninth ballot for the election of bishops as follows: J. C. Kilgo received 103 votes; Collins Denny, 92; W. F. McMurry, 63; W. B. Murrah, 4; James Atkins, 1.

The Chair declared that there was no election.

The tenth ballot for the election of bishops was taken: 262 ballots were cast; necessary to a choice, 132.

The tellers and an Assistant Secretary retired to count the ballot.

Consideration of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Temperance was resumed, and discussion on the amendment.

Sterling Fisher, of the West Texas Conference, moved the previous question, and the motion prevailed.

The report was read, and under the previous question the vote on the amendment was taken, and the amendment failed of adoption by a vote of 110 to 78.

The vote being taken on the original report, it was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE, REPORT NO. 1.

Your Committee on Temperance, to whom was submitted the memorial of the Alabama Conference asking for an authentic interpretation of paragraph 216 of the Discipline, with special reference to its application to the sale of intoxicating liquors under state dispensary laws, beg leave to report that they have complied with such memorial, and recommend that the following action be had in reference thereto:

Amend Chapter V., paragraph 216, Answer 3, of the Discipline, by inserting after the word "license," in line seven, these words, "from acting as a dispenser or voluntarily accepting an appointment or election as such under the laws of any state in which there is a dispensary law authorizing the sale of intoxicating liquors by the state, county, or municipality"; and by inserting after the words "such sale," in line fourteen of said paragraph, the words, "or shall act as a dispenser or voluntarily accept election or appoint-

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Motion to reconsider action as to three bishops declared out of order.
Ninth ballot for bishops.

Result of the ninth ballot.

No election.

Tenth ballot for bishops.

Report No. 1 on Temperance resumed.

Previous question carried.

Amendment fails of adoption.

Report adopted.

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ance.

ment to any office created for the purpose of selling or dispensing intoxicating liquors on behalf of the state, county, or municipality," and by changing the last clause of said paragraph to read, "or who are acting as officers of the law otherwise than as voluntary dispensers"; so that said paragraph as amended will read as follows:

"Paragraph 216, Answer 3.—Let all our preachers and members abstain from the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, from signing petitions for such sale, from becoming bondsmen for any person as a condition for obtaining a license, from acting as a dispenser or voluntarily accepting an appointment or election as such under the laws of the state in which there is a dispensary law authorizing the sale of intoxicating liquors by the state, county, or municipality, and from renting property to be used for any such sale. If any member shall violate any of the provisions of this paragraph, he shall be deemed guilty of immorality. *Nevertheless*, in the case of a member who shall sign a petition for such sale, or shall become a bondsman for any person engaged in such traffic, or shall rent property to be used for such sale, or shall act as a dispenser or voluntarily accept election or appointment to any office created for the purpose of selling or dispensing intoxicating liquors on behalf of the state, county, or municipality, it shall be the duty of the pastor to deal with the offender as provided for in Chapter VII., Section V., paragraph 299, page 126. This paragraph shall not apply to persons who are acting under instructions or decrees or orders of any court, or who are acting as officers of the law otherwise than as voluntary dispensers."

(Signed.)

E. B. CHAPPELL, *Chairman.*

PERRY S. RADER, *Secretary.*

Report No. 2
on Temper-
ance
adopted.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Temperance was read and adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE, REPORT NO. 2.

Your Committee on Temperance have carefully considered the resolution referred to us pertaining to certain conditions existing within the Canal Zone on the Isthmus of Panama, and we respectfully submit the following report:

Whereas, the drinking of intoxicating liquors in the Tropics is unusually hurtful to physical, mental, and moral welfare; and

Whereas, there are many of the choice young men of our Southland now employed on the work of construction on the Panama Canal;

Resolved, 1. That we, the delegated representatives of the Methodism of the South, look with anxiety and dread at the present situation on the Isthmus, inasmuch as we learn that there are already eleven licensed distilleries and sixty licensed retail liquor saloons in our Canal Zone.

Resolved, 2. That we hereby appeal to the President and to the Congress of the United States to take such action as will prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor in the territory under the control of our government.

Resolved, 3. That the Secretary of the General Conference is hereby instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate, and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

E. B. CHAPPELL, *Chairman*.

PERRY S. RADER, *Secretary*.

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Report No. 2
on Temper-
ance.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Sunday Schools was taken from the calendar, and read and adopted as follows:

Report No. 2
on Sunday
Schools
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS, REPORT NO. 2.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools reports nonconurrence with a memorial of the Pacific Conference, asking for provision of blanks whereby the Home Department and Cradle Roll may be reported to the Annual Conferences. But, whereas, we deem it necessary to stress the importance of these two departments, therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That the Annual Conference Sunday-school Boards shall furnish to each superintendent in their respective bounds special blanks for recording the number comprised in the Home Department and on the Cradle Roll of each school.

Resolved, 2. That the published reports of the Annual Conference Sunday-school Boards shall state the total number enrolled in each of these departments for the information of the General Conference Sunday-school Board, but the same shall not be included in the statistical blanks of the Annual Conferences.

Respectfully submitted:

J. R. PEPPER, *Chairman*.

GEORGE M. NAPIER, *Secretary*.

The Chair announced the result of the tenth ballot for the election of bishops as follows: J. C. Kilgo received 87 votes; Collins Denny, 78; W. F. McMurry, 84; W. B. Murrah, 2; James Atkins, 10; E. W. Alderson, 1.

Result of tenth
ballot for
bishops.

The Chair announced that there was no election.

No election.

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Eleventh bal-
lot for
bishops

Report No. 2
on Finance
adopted.

The eleventh ballot for the election of bishops was taken: 264 ballots were cast; 133 necessary to a choice.

The tellers and an Assistant Secretary retired to make the count.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Finance was taken from the calendar, and read and adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, REPORT NO. 2.

Your committee has had before it for consideration a memorial from the Pacific Conference in substance as follows:

"That this General Conference authorize an assessment on each charge in the connection equivalent to at least 2 per cent. of the combined salaries of the presiding elder and preacher in charge, annually, until an endowment fund of \$5,000,000 be raised for the benefit of superannuated preachers and their widows and orphans."

After full consideration, your committee recommends non-concurrence.

W. S. GARRISON, *Chairman.*

GEORGE J. LEFTWICH, *Secretary.*

Report No. 3
on Itiner-
ancy
adopted.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Itinerancy was taken from the calendar, and read and adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY, REPORT NO. 3.

Your committee respectfully recommends nonconcurrence with the following memorial from the Fayette District Conference of the Missouri Annual Conference:

"Let paragraph 99, page 51, of the Discipline be changed so as to read: "To fix the appointments of the preachers in the Annual Conferences: *provided*, he shall not allow any preacher to remain in the same circuit or station more than four years successively, except on recommendation of the Quarterly Conference, together with the consent of the pastor of that circuit or station; and further, except, etc."

(Signed.)

B. F. LIPSCOMB, *Chairman.*

J. H. MCCOY, *Secretary.*

Report No. 4
on Itineran-
cy adopted.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Itinerancy was taken from the calendar, and read and adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY, REPORT NO. 4.

We, your Committee on Itinerancy, beg leave to report that we have had before us a memorial from the Missouri Conference, asking that the law of the Church be so

changed that no man shall be appointed to the office of presiding elder for a longer period than eight consecutive years; and that such a one shall not be eligible to re-appointment until four years after the expiration of such term of office.

We recommend nonconcurrence.

B. F. LIPSCOMB, *Chairman*.

J. H. MCCOY, *Secretary*.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Itinerancy was taken from the calendar, and read and adopted as follows:

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Report No. 5
on Itineran-
cy adopted.

COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY, REPORT NO. 5.

We, your Committee on Itinerancy, report that we have had before us and have carefully considered a memorial from the Virginia Conference, asking this General Conference "to pass a resolution, requesting the bishops to appoint no preacher to the office of presiding elder more than eight years consecutively, unless there are extraordinary conditions requiring such appointment."

We recommend nonconcurrence.

B. F. LIPSCOMB, *Chairman*.

J. H. MCCOY, *Secretary*.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Church Extension was taken from the calendar and read.

The Chair announced the result of the eleventh ballot for the election of bishops as follows: W. F. McMurry received 82 votes; J. C. Kilgo, 66; Collins Denny, 58; James Atkins, 55; W. B. Murrah, 3.

Report No. 1
on Church
Extension
read.
Result of
eleventh
ballot for
bishops.

The Chair declared that there was no election.

No election.

A twelfth ballot for the election of bishops was taken: 261 ballots were cast; necessary to a choice, 131.

Twelfth ballot
for bishops.

The tellers and an Assistant Secretary retired to count the ballot.

The Chair announced the result of the twelfth ballot for the election of bishops as follows: James Atkins received 148 votes; W. F. McMurry, 53; Collins Denny, 33; J. C. Kilgo, 23; W. B. Murrah, 3.

Result of the
twelfth
ballot.

The Chair announced that James Atkins, of the Western North Carolina Conference, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was elected a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

James Atkins
elected.

Announcement was made that the consecration of bishops would occur Saturday afternoon, the 19th inst.,

Time of con-
secrating
bishops an-
nounced.

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at three o'clock, and that the sermon would be preached by Bishop A. W. Wilson.

Adjournment.

On motion, the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Bishop Hendrix.

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DAY.
Conference
meets.

FOURTEENTH DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 18, 1906.

Religious
services.

The Conference convened pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Morrison in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by J. R. Scroggs, of the Western North Carolina Conference, who read Psalm ciii., and announced hymn No. 2,

Come, thou almighty King,
Help us thy name to sing,

and led in prayer.

Minutes
approved.

The minutes of the sessions of yesterday morning, afternoon, and night were read and approved.

Bishop Hoss
presides.
Delegates
granted
leave of
absence.

Bishop Hoss took the chair.

Leave of absence was granted the following: Isaac Hardeman, of the South Georgia Conference; J. W. Boswell, of the North Mississippi Conference; J. T. Curry, of the Tennessee Conference; James Sutherland, of the Pacific Conference; E. A. Huddleston, of the Baltimore Conference; A. R. Farris, of the Southwest Missouri Conference; and R. E. Rice, of the Denver Conference.

Z. M. Williams
seated.

Z. M. Williams was recognized and seated in place of A. R. Faris, of the Southwest Missouri Conference.

W. C. Everett
seated.

W. C. Everett, of the North Texas Conference, was recognized and seated in place of R. C. Dial.

E. P. Ryland
named as
teller.

E. P. Ryland was named as teller in place of F. M. Thomas.

Order of the
day an-
nounced.

The order of the day was announced as the election of the Book Editor and Editor of the *Review*.

First ballot for
Book Editor
and Editor
of Review.

A ballot was taken and 251 ballots cast; necessary to a choice, 126.

The tellers and an Assistant Secretary retired to count the ballot.

Change of
time for or-
dination of
bishops re-
quested.

The following resolution was offered by James Canon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, and adopted:

Whereas, there are upon the calendar many matters of great importance to the Church at large; and

Whereas, it is very important that all our time in week days be given to the calendar work:

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Resolved, That we hereby respectfully request the College of Bishops to change the hour of service for the ordination of bishops from Saturday afternoon to Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

B. F. LIPSCOMB,	J. B. MCGEHEE,
R. G. WATERHOUSE,	J. R. BINGHAM,
FRANK RICHARDSON,	JOHN W. BOSWELL,
JAMES CANNON, JR.,	J. C. REED.
ROBERT W. BROWDER,	

Announcement was made that the consecration of bishops would be changed in accordance with request to Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Compliance
with request
announced.

The list of standing committees was called for reports. None were submitted.

Call of stand-
ing and spe-
cial com-
mittees.

The list of special committees was called for reports. None were submitted.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Church Extension, which was under consideration at adjournment last night, was resumed.

Report No. 1
on Church
Extension
resumed.

R. E. Blackwell, of the Virginia Conference, offered the following substitute for the fourth recommendation of the report:

Blackwell's
substitute
for fourth
recommen-
dation.

Fourth. Should it be found necessary, after one year's trial of the plan proposed above, to make some assessment upon the Church in order to carry the enterprise to success, the Board of Church Extension is hereby authorized to assess for the last three years of the quadrennium a sum not exceeding \$20,000 in any year in addition to the general assessment.

(Signed.)

R. E. BLACKWELL,
WILLIAM W. SMITH.

The Chair announced the result of the first ballot for the election of Book Editor and Editor of the *Review* as follows: Gross Alexander received 86 votes; J. B. Robins, 23; E. B. Chappell, 6; J. N. Snow, 1; F. S. Parker, 31; H. C. Howard, 6; G. B. Winton, 6; Collins Denny, 14; J. A. Rice, 11; S. B. Turrentine, 7; E. L. Pell, 1; C. M. Bishop, 18; O. E. Brown, 3; J. E. Godbey, 17; J. M. Moore, 1; James Campbell, 12; R. G. Waterhouse, 1; E. L. Alderson, 4; J. W. Lee, 3.

Result of first
ballot for
Book Editor
and Editor
of *Review*.

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No election.
Second ballot
taken.

Previous ques-
tion ordered
on Report
No. 1 on
Church Ex-
tension.
Blackwell's
substitute
rejected.
Report
adopted.

The Chair announced that there was no election.

A second ballot for the election of Book Editor and Editor of the *Review* was taken: 254 votes were cast; necessary to a choice, 128.

The tellers and an Assistant Secretary retired to count the ballot.

J. W. Bale, of the North Georgia Conference, moved the previous question, and the motion prevailed.

The vote coming on the substitute, it did not prevail.

The vote was put upon the report, and it was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION, REPORT NO. 1.

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we have had before us and duly considered memorials from the Mount Vernon Church, Washington, D. C., and the Baltimore Conference, said memorials having been endorsed by the Board of Church Extension, bearing upon the necessity of the erection of a representative church building in Washington, D. C., and recommend the following:

The City of Washington is a center of commanding importance in religious and educational work as well as in our civil and political affairs. It is also the center of influences that affect every part of our country.

Other denominations have long since seen the importance of Washington City, and have strengthened their influence and the influence of the Church of God by erecting in that city large, attractive, well-equipped, and representative church buildings. This they have done in most instances by means of contributions from their membership throughout the Union.

Nearly fifty years ago our General Conference of 1858 recognized the need of our Church for such a building in Washington City, and cordially commended the project and promised "heartly coöperation." The great and terrible war that followed so soon after the adjournment of that General Conference, prevented the accomplishment of the plan so heartily endorsed. In the half century that has followed it has not seemed possible to carry out this purpose of our fathers; but the opportunity is still open, and the present time seems propitious to put our Church in a position that will enable her to command the strength and influence in our federal capital to which she is entitled; and especially to take care of the great number of our people who, from all parts of our territory, gather in that city. We covet for our Church and our people an equip-

ment and advantage at least equal to those provided by our sister Churches for their own people.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, assembled in Birmingham, Alabama, heartily endorses the movement brought to our attention, and approves the purpose to erect in the capital city of our General Government a church building that will be truly representative of the progressive spirit, the strength, the life, and the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. Believing as we do that such a building cannot be erected for less than \$275,000, and knowing the inability of our Washington City membership to provide so large an amount, we propose that if the Mount Vernon Place Church, Washington, D. C., will become responsible for \$75,000, we agree to pledge the Church at large to an effort to provide \$200,000.

3. The direction of the campaign looking to the raising of said \$200,000 shall be committed to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension and to two bishops to be selected by the College of Bishops. This committee to work under direction of the Board of Church Extension.

4. Nothing in this action is to be construed into permission to levy an assessment on the Church for the purpose named.

5. We hereby direct the Board of Church Extension to receive and hold all moneys raised by the representatives of this Conference for the purpose named in this paper, and to act for the Church in all matters pertaining to the location and erection of said building.

W. F. McMURRY, *Chairman*.

T. B. KING, *Secretary*.

The Chair announced the result of the second ballot for Book Editor and Editor of the *Review* as follows: Gross Alexander received 145 votes; F. S. Parker, 46; C. M. Bishop, 12; J. E. Godbey, 11; J. B. Robins, 18; B. P. Allen, 1; J. A. Rice, 9; S. B. Turrentine, 2; Collins Denny, 5; J. A. Kern, 1; E. B. Chappell, 1; J. W. Lee, 1.

Result of second ballot for Book Editor and Editor of *Review*.

The Chair announced that Gross Alexander, of the Louisville Conference, having received a majority of the votes cast, was elected Book Editor and Editor of the *Review*.

Gross Alexander elected.

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on Church
Extension.

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den intro-
duced.First ballot
for Editor of
Christian
Advocate.

Bishop J. M. Walden, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced.

The order of election was taken up, and a vote was taken for the election of the Editor of the *Christian Advocate*: 249 ballots were cast, 125 being necessary to a choice.

The tellers retired with an Assistant Secretary to count the votes.

Report No. 3
on Missions
taken up and
considered
item by item.

O. E. Brown, of the Missouri Conference, moved to take up Report No. 3 of the Committee on Missions out of its order.

The motion prevailed, and Report No. 3 of the Committee on Missions was taken from the calendar, read, and considered item by item.

Result of first
ballot for
Editor Chris-
tian Ad-
vocate.

The Chair announced the result of the first ballot for Editor for the *Christian Advocate* as follows: G. B. Winton received 152 votes; J. H. McCoy, 19; J. A. Anderson, 14; — — Wood, 4; Gross Alexander, 1; W. C. Lovett, 18; H. C. Howard, 1; J. A. Burrow, 5; James Cannon, Jr., 12; G. C. Rankin, 5; T. N. Ivey, 2; C. M. Bishop, 7; E. B. Chappell, 2; J. E. Godbey, 1; J. B. Robins, 1; Collins Denny, 1; W. E. Vaughan, 4; E. W. Alderson, 1.

G. B. Winton
elected.

The Chair announced that G. B. Winton, of the Mexican Border Mission Conference, having received a majority of the votes cast, was elected Editor of the *Christian Advocate*.

First ballot for
Editor of
Sunday-
school Lit-
erature.

The next order being the election of Editor of Sunday-school Literature, a ballot was taken: 252 ballots were cast; necessary to a choice, 127.

The tellers retired with an Assistant Secretary to count the votes.

Vice President
Fairbanks
introduced.

Charles W. Fairbanks, Vice President of the United States and Fraternal Delegate from the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced by Bishop Hoss, and briefly expressed his pleasure in bearing the greeting of the Methodist Episcopal Church; after which the Conference sang,

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty.

Result of first
ballot for
Editor of
Sunday-
school Lit-
erature.

The Chair announced the result of the first ballot for the election of Editor of Sunday-school Literature as

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follows: H. M. Hamill received 115 votes; E. B. Chap-
pell, 98; F. S. Parker, 15; L. F. Beaty, 6; J. W. Daniel,
9; C. M. Bishop, 2; E. Pell, 2; James Cannon, Jr., 1;
B. P. Allen, 1; Collins Denny, 1; F. M. Thomas, 1; A.
L. Andrews, 1.

The Chair declared that there was no election.

No election.

A second ballot for Editor of Sunday-school Litera-
ture was taken, 240 votes being cast; necessary to a
choice, 121.

Second ballot
taken.

The tellers and an Assistant Secretary retired to count
the votes.

Item 1 of Report No. 3 of the Committee on Missions
was adopted.

Item 1 of Re-
port No. 3 on
Missions
adopted.
Remainder of
report
tabled.

O. E. Brown, of the Missouri Conference, moved
to lay on the table the remaining part of Report
No. 3 of the Committee on Missions, and the motion
prevailed.

Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, moved
to take from the calendar Report No. 6 of the Com-
mittee on Publishing Interests, and the motion pre-
vailed.

Report No. 6
on Publish-
ing Interests
adopted.

On motion, the report was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS, REPORT
NO. 6.

Your Committee on Publishing Interests has had before
it a memorial from the Book Committee seeking to change
paragraph 426 of the Discipline so that it may read as
follows:

"First. There shall be a Publishing House in Nashville,
Tennessee, to be called the 'Publishing House of the Meth-
odist Episcopal Church, South,' incorporated under the
name of the 'Book Agents of the Methodist Episcopal
Church, South,' under the control of two publishing
agents, to be called the 'Publishing Agents,' and of a com-
mittee to be called the 'Book Committee.' The Publishing
Agents shall be coördinate in rank, and the division and
adjustment of their functions and prerogatives shall be
determined by the Book Committee. The General Con-
ference shall elect the Publishing Agents, one of whom
may be a layman, and the Book Committee, the latter
upon the nomination of a committee of nine to be appoint-
ed by the bishops.

"Second. That wherever the term Book Agents occurs

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in the Discipline, the term Publishing Agents be substituted."

We recommend concurrence.

Respectfully submitted:

W. B. PALMORE, *Chairman.*

E. B. CHAPPELL, *Secretary.*

Report No. 3
on Missions
taken from
table.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Missions was taken from the table, on motion of O. E. Brown, of the Missouri Conference.

Items 2 and 3
adopted.

Item 2 of the report was read and, on motion, adopted.

Item 3 of the report was, on motion of O. E. Brown, of the Missouri Conference, adopted without reading.

Item 4 read
and adoption
moved.

Item 4 of the report was read, and W. F. Lloyd, of the Louisville Conference, moved that it be adopted.

Result of sec-
ond ballot
for Editor of
Sunday-
school Lit-
erature.

The Chair announced the result of the second ballot for the election of Editor of Sunday-school Literature as follows: E. B. Chappell received 120 votes; H. M. Hamill, 113; F. S. Parker, 6; F. M. Thomas, 1.

No election.

The Chair declared that there was no election.

Third ballot
taken.

A third ballot was taken for the election of Editor of Sunday-school Literature: 240 ballots were cast; necessary to a choice, 121.

The tellers and an Assistant Secretary retired to count the votes.

Result of third
ballot.

The Chair announced the result of the third ballot for the election of Editor of Sunday-school Literature as follows: E. B. Chappell received 155 votes; H. M. Hamill, 86; F. S. Parker, 1.

E. B. Chappell
elected.

The Chair announced that E. B. Chappell, of the Tennessee Conference, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was elected Editor of Sunday-school Literature.

First ballot
for Secreta-
ry of Board
of Missions.

The next order being the election of the Secretary of the Board of Missions, a ballot was taken: 243 ballots were cast; necessary to a choice, 122.

The tellers and an Assistant Secretary retired to count the votes.

Special com-
mittee to
nominate
Book Com-
mittee.

The Chair announced the following special committee on the nomination of the Book Committee for the coming quadrennium: G. C. Rankin, R. H. Mahon, C. M. Bishop, W. C. Lovett, G. D. Shands, R. T. Wilson, O. F. Sensabaugh, T. T. Fishburne, and J. A. Burrow.

James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, moved

an amendment to item 4 of Report No. 3 of the Committee on Missions: Insert "provided such city missionary work be subject to the approval of the Annual Conference Board."

The Chair announced the result of the first ballot for the election of Secretary of the Board of Missions as follows: W. R. Lambuth received 213 votes; S. H. Wainright, 6; O. E. Brown, 5; H. M. Hamill, 4; C. H. Briggs, 3; S. L. Dobbs, 3; Collins Denny, 5; J. C. Kilgo, 2; C. F. Reid, 1; W. N. Ainsworth, 1; F. P. Culver, 1.

The Chair declared that W. R. Lambuth, of the Tennessee Conference, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was elected Secretary of the Board of Missions.

The order was taken up, and a ballot taken for the election of Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension: 246 votes were cast; necessary to a choice, 124.

The tellers and an Assistant Secretary retired to count the votes.

W. N. Ainsworth, of the South Georgia Conference, moved to amend the amendment to item 4 of Report No. 3 of the Committee on Missions as follows:

Provided, that this paragraph shall not be construed to forbid Annual Conference Boards of Missions employing other than such candidates.

The amendment to the amendment was adopted; and item 4, as amended, was adopted.

Item 5 of Report No. 3 of the Committee on Missions was read, and, on motion of J. W. Heidt, of the North Georgia Conference, was adopted.

Item 6 of the report was read, and sections 1, 2, and 3 were successively adopted.

The Chair announced the result of the first ballot for the election of Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension as follows: W. F. McMurry received 128 votes; W. L. Nelms, 23; R. A. Child, 27; N. L. Linebaugh, 14; M. J. Cofer, 9; J. R. Nelson, 7; A. F. Watkins, 5; James Cannon, Jr., 4; C. F. Evans, 4; C. H. Briggs and E. F. Cook, each 3; B. F. Lipscomb, J. M. Mason, and W. F. Barclay, each 2; O. F. Sensabaugh,

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Cannon's motion to amend item 4 of Report No. 3 on Missions. Result of first ballot for Secretary of Board of Missions.

W. R. Lambuth elected.

First ballot for Secretary of Board of Church Extension.

Ainsworth's amendment to Cannon's amendment of item 4 of Report No. 3 on Missions adopted.

Item 5 of the report adopted.

Item 6 read and sections 1, 2, 3 adopted. Result of first ballot for Secretary of Church Extension Board.

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F. N. Hosman, R. W. Browder, J. T. Sawyer, Collins Denny, J. O. Straley, W. F. Tillet, H. P. Hamill, — — Charles, W. H. Vaughan, E. G. B. Mann, each 1.

W. F. McMur-
ry elected.

The Chair declared that W. F. McMurry, of the St. Louis Conference, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension.

Afternoon ses-
sion to be
held.

B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at three o'clock this afternoon; and the motion prevailed.

Motion to ap-
point com-
mittee to sift
calendar.

E. W. Alderson, of the North Texas Conference, moved that a committee of three be appointed to sift the calendar and bring forward for legislation such matters as were of greatest importance.

Proposed
amendment
lost.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, moved to amend. The vote being taken on the amendment, it did not prevail.

Original mo-
tion not
adopted.

The vote being taken on the original motion, it did not prevail.

Adjournment.

The doxology was sung, the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Walden, and the Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference
meets.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 3 P.M., Bishop Hoss in the chair.

Devotional
exercises.

Hymn No. 388,

A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,

was sung, and Bishop Hoss led in prayer.

Bishop Wilson
presides.
First ballot for
Secretary of
Epworth
Leagues.

Bishop Wilson took the chair.

The order of the day being the election of the General Secretary of Epworth Leagues, a ballot was taken—228 ballots being cast, making 115 necessary to a choice.

Tellers retired with an Assistant Secretary to make the count.

Bishops elect
invited to
seats on
platform.

On motion of A. J. Lamar, of the Alabama Conference, the bishops elect were invited to occupy seats on the platform.

Section 4 of
item 6 of Re-
port No. 3 on
Missions
adopted.
Section 5 read.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Missions was resumed, and section 4 of item 6 read and adopted.

Section 5 of item 6 was read.

W. B. Stubbs, of the South Georgia Conference, offered the following amendment:

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Amend section 5 of item 6 by adding, "Provided, that either the President or Secretary of the Woman's Board shall be a member of the Executive Committee of seven of the present Board."

Proposition to
amend.

(Signed.)

J. R. PEPPER,
W. B. STUBBS,
J. H. SCRUGGS.

The amendment prevailed, and section 5 of item 6 was adopted as amended.

Amendment
prevails and
section 5
adopted as
amended.

Item 7 of the report was read.

Item 7 read.
Result of first
ballot for
Secretary of
Epworth
Leagues.

The Chair announced the result of the first ballot for the election of General Secretary of Epworth Leagues as follows: H. M. Du Bose received 145 votes; J. A. Burrow, 39; F. S. Parker, 18; J. A. Clifton, 7; E. G. B. Mann, 4; — — McClure, 3; J. H. McCoy and — — Cresap, each 2; — — Turrentine, — — Selby, I. H. Rushing, W. B. Beauchamp, F. H. S. Johnston, E. P. Ryland, each 1.

The Chair announced that H. M. Du Bose, of the Mississippi Conference, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was elected General Secretary of Epworth Leagues.

H. M. Du Bose
elected,

The order of voting being for General Secretary of Education, a ballot was taken: 236 ballots were cast, making 119 necessary to a choice.

First ballot for
Secretary of
Education.

The tellers and an Assistant Secretary retired to count the ballot.

The following amendment to item 7, Report No. 3 of the Committee on Missions, was moved:

Motion to
amend item
7, Report No.
3 on Mis-
sions.

To amend item 7 by striking out "nine" and inserting "thirteen" after the words "commission of," so that it shall read, "commission of thirteen," and by substituting for the composition of the committee as follows: "Two Bishops, the Secretary of the Board of Missions, the Corresponding Secretary of Church Extension, the Secretaries and Presidents of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Mission Society, two laymen and three traveling preachers.

The amendment was adopted, and, on motion, the report as a whole was adopted as follows:

Amendment
prevails, and
report as a
whole
adopted.

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COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, REPORT NO. 3.

We, your Committee on Missions, having considered an item in the Episcopal Address, a memorial from the General Board of Missions, and from the Louisiana Annual Conference, and also one from the Conference of Conference Missionary Secretaries, pertaining to the establishment of a Home Mission Department under the supervision of the General Board of Missions, and also a memorial from the North Texas Conference asking for the establishment of a Board and Secretary of Home Missions, respectfully recommend concurrence in the following:

Item 1. To insert in the Book of Discipline, paragraph 538, Article XV: "The Board of Missions shall be authorized to establish a department of Home Missions, which shall be in charge of an Assistant Secretary to be elected by the Board, whose salary and necessary expenses of travel and administration shall be provided for by appropriation. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of Home Missions to acquaint himself with every phase of the Home Mission field, and to coöperate with the Conference Boards of Missions in their plans to reach the neglected classes in our cities, mill towns, rural districts, and among the foreign immigrants. He shall be authorized, under the direction of the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions, to organize a system of City Missions, in the administration of which he shall seek the hearty coöperation of the Annual Conference Boards of Missions, the Church Extension Board, and the Woman's Home Mission Society."

Item 2. To amend the Discipline, page 144, paragraph 345, Article II., line four, which now reads, "Said Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, one Secretary, one Assistant Secretary, and twenty-five Managers, etc.," by inserting in place of "one Assistant Secretary," "two Assistant Secretaries." And to amend on page 145, paragraph 345, Article II., which now reads, "The Assistant Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected quadrennially," by inserting the word "Secretaries" after "Assistant" and before the words "and the Treasurer"; so that the entire article as amended shall read:

"Paragraph 345, Article II. Said Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, one Secretary, two Assistant Secretaries, and twenty-five Managers, of whom ten shall be laymen, together with the bishops, the Treasurer of this Board, and the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, who shall be *ex officio* members. Said Board shall be elected quadrennially by the General Conference, as follows: The President, Vice President, and Man-

agers on nomination of the Committee on Missions, the Secretary by ballot at the time of the election of the other connectional officers, the members elected to continue in office until their successors are chosen. The Assistant Secretaries and the Treasurer shall be elected quadrennially by the incoming Board."

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Item 3. To amend paragraph 350, Article VII., page 147 of the Book of Discipline, which now reads, "The Secretary and the Assistant Secretary shall be ministers," by inserting after the word "Assistant" and before the words "shall be ministers" the word "Secretaries," so that the Article as amended shall read: "The Secretary and the Assistant Secretaries shall be ministers of the gospel, and may be members of any Annual Conference, but shall reside in Nashville, Tennessee. It shall be their duty to keep a permanent record of the proceedings of the Boards, and to publish an abstract of them in the Church papers; to conduct its correspondence; to attend to all its legal business; to prepare the annual report, and to publish monthly (either in a missionary paper or the Church papers as the Board shall direct) statements of the condition, needs, and prospects of the various missions, and to discharge such other duties as the Board may direct. The salaries of the Secretaries shall be fixed by the Board, and all their necessary traveling expenses shall be allowed: *provided*, that whenever matters relating to the woman's work are to be acted upon by the Executive Committee of seven, the President or Secretary of the Woman's Board shall have notice and shall have the right to be present and to be heard."

Item 4. In pursuance of the recommendation by your Committee on Missions of the establishment of a department of Home Missions under the direction of the Board of Missions, as contained in item 5 of the Episcopal Address, we would also recommend the adoption of item 6:

"The candidates for City Mission work shall be accepted by the Committee on Candidates of the Board of Missions, on the basis of candidates for foreign work as to fitness and tenure of service, provided such city missionary work be subject to the approval of the Annual Conference Board, and when accepted shall be nominated for appointment to the bishop in charge of the Conference in which they are to work; provided, further, that this paragraph shall not be construed to forbid Annual Conference Boards of Missions employing other than such candidates."

Item 5. The Committee on Missions, after long and prayerful consideration of the matter of union of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society with the Woman's Home Mission

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Society, referred to in the Episcopal Address, in memorials from the Board of Missions, the West Texas Conference, the Executive Board of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Northwest Texas Conference, and the San Angelo District meetings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Mission Society, beg leave to report that while such union is eminently to be desired, in view of property ownership and other questions we deem it unwise to recommend union at this time, provided that either the President or Secretary of the Woman's Board shall be a member of the Committee on Candidates of the Board of Missions.

Item 6. The Committee on Missions recommends the closer relation of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions with the Parent Board of Missions, and in pursuance with the foregoing recommendation recommends for adoption by the General Conference the insertion in the Constitution of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions the following disciplinary changes:

First. To insert in the Book of Discipline, page 144, paragraph 345, Article II., line eight, these words, "And the President and Secretary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions," so that the paragraph shall read as follows: "Said Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, one Secretary, one Assistant Secretary, and twenty-five Managers, of whom ten shall be laymen, together with the Bishops, the Treasurer of the Board, and the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, and the President and Secretary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, who shall be *ex officio* members."

Second. Page 154, paragraph 370, Article VI.: To add after the words "acted upon by the General Board," in the second line from the bottom of that page, the following: "And inasmuch as the operations of the Woman's Board shall be conducted in connection with the Board of Missions and subject to its advice and approval, the annual meeting of the Woman's Board shall be held a sufficient time in advance of the annual meeting of the Parent Board to enable it to lay before the latter for consideration all recommendations or appropriations for the conduct of the work of the ensuing year"; so that the paragraph beginning from the eleventh line shall read as follows: "The Woman's Board shall, within thirty days after its annual session, send to the General Board a full account of its operations and plans, to be considered and, so far as necessary, acted upon by the General Board; (and inasmuch as the operations of the Woman's Board shall be conducted in con-

nection with the Board of Missions and subject to its advice and approval,' the annual meeting of the Woman's Board shall be held a sufficient time in advance of the annual meeting of the Parent Board to enable it to lay before the latter for consideration all recommendations or appropriations for the conduct of the work of the ensuing year; and a sufficient summary of such report of the Woman's Board shall be published as a part of the Annual Report of the General Board, in order to present to the Church a complete statement of what we are doing in missions.)

Third. Page 154, paragraph 369, Article V. To add the following paragraph: (Provided, however, that "in the purchase of mission property by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and in the erection of buildings amounting to an estimated value of not less than \$5,000 in gold, or in the removal of school or hospital plants from one place to another, the matter shall be first submitted to the advice and approval of the bishop in charge and of the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions"); so that the paragraph shall read as follows: "The operations of this Woman's Board shall be conducted in connection with the Board of Missions and subject to its advice and approval. When appropriations are made the funds shall be sent in such manner and to meet such purposes as the Woman's Board shall direct; provided, however, that in the purchase of mission property by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and in the erection of buildings amounting to an estimated value of not less than \$5,000 in gold, or in the removal of school or hospital plants from one place to another, the matter shall be first submitted to the advice and approval of the bishop in charge and of the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions."

Fourth. Page 157, paragraph 380, Article XVI. To amend the article by inserting the following: "The missionaries of the Woman's Board shall hold their annual meeting at the same time and place of the annual meeting or annual conference of the missionaries of the Parent Board, in order to enable them to submit to the annual meeting or annual conference the estimates and plans for the ensuing year." And furthermore to add: "Reports from the annual and district meetings of the representatives of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be made to the Annual and District Conferences both at home and in the mission fields within whose bounds the meetings are held." The Auxiliaries shall make report to the Quarterly Conferences of the charge with which they are associated. These reports, or abstracts from the same, shall be incorporated

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in the minutes of said Conferences." And omitting the last sentence, which reads as follows: "The Auxiliaries may send reports to the Quarterly Conferences of the charges with which they are associated." The amended article would then read as follows: "The missionaries of the Woman's Board shall hold their annual meetings at the same time and place of the annual meeting or annual conference of the missionaries of the Parent Board, in order to enable them to submit to the annual meeting or annual conference the estimates and plans for the ensuing year. Reports from the annual and district meetings of the representatives of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be made to the Annual and District Conferences both at home and in the mission fields within whose bounds the meetings are held. The Auxiliaries shall make reports to the Quarterly Conferences of the charges with which they are associated. These reports, or abstracts from the same, shall be incorporated in the minutes of said Conferences. Every school or hospital established by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions shall send reports (such as are made to the Woman's Board) to the District and Annual Conferences within whose bounds such school or hospital shall be situated."

Fifth. Page 153, paragraph 366. To change the last sentence, which reads: "The missionaries, teachers, physicians, and Bible readers employed by the Woman's Board shall be subject to the appointing power of the bishop having charge of the mission field in which they labor," which when changed would read as follows: "The acceptance and nomination for appointment of the missionaries, teachers, physicians, and Bible readers employed by the Woman's Board shall be subject to the approval of the Committee on Candidates of the Board of Missions; the designation of their fields of labor, and recall, shall be by the direction of the bishop in charge of the particular field in which the missionary in question is at work. They shall be subject to the appointing power of the bishop having charge of the mission field in which they labor, and shall be subject to the same rules of removal that govern the missionaries of the Parent Board."

Item 7. The Committee on Missions, while recommending delay in the union of the Woman's Missionary Societies, consider the question of the unification of all our missionary interests, including that of the Church Extension Board, to be a matter of such importance, especially with a view to coöperative effort, that it recommends the appointment of a commission of thirteen members to study

the question during the next four years and report to the General Conference of 1910 a plan of coöperation or union. The commission to be appointed by the College of Bishops and to be composed as follows: two Bishops, the Secretary of the Board of Missions, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, the Secretaries and Presidents of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Womans' Home Mission Society, two laymen, and three traveling preachers.

Respectfully submitted:

O. E. BROWN, *Chairman.*

J. W. PERRY, *Secretary.*

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B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, moved that Report No. 11 of the Committee on Itinerancy be taken up out of its order. The motion did not prevail.

E. W. Alderson, of the North Texas Conference, moved the appointment of a committee of three to sift the calendar; and the motion prevailed.

The report of the Committee on Public Worship was read by the Secretary as follows:

Motion to take up Report No. 11 on Itinerancy fails.

Committee to sift calendar authorized.

Appointments for preaching.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

First—Bishop Seth Ward, 11 A.M.; Bishop Jno. J. Tigert, 8 A.M.

Ordination of Bishops, 3 P.M. Sermon by Bishop A. W. Wilson.

Five Points—E. B. Chappell, 11 A.M.; Collins Denny, 8 P.M.

St. John's—Dr. John F. Goucher, 11 A.M.; J. W. Daniel, 8 P.M.

Sunday school, 3 P.M., John R. Pepper.

Eleventh Avenue—J. C. Kilgo, 11 A.M.; W. B. Murrah, 8 P.M.

Fountain Heights—A. L. Andrews, 11 A.M.; Sam Hay, 8 P.M.

Wesley Chapel—W. B. Palmore, 11 A.M.; E. W. Solomon, 8 P.M.

Twenty-first Avenue—Gross Alexander, 11 A.M.; C. H. Briggs, 8 P.M.

Mt. Vernon—T. W. Lewis, 11 A.M.; G. H. Detwiler, 8 P.M.

St. Paul—Bishop E. E. Hoss, 11 A.M.; S. I. Esquivel, 8 P.M.

Elyton—W. C. Lovett, 11 A.M.; W. F. Lloyd, 8 P.M.

Ensley—Bishop E. R. Hendrix, 11 A.M.; J. B. Robins, 8 P.M.

East Lake—W. J. Young, 8 P.M.

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ing.

Huffman—J. C. Reed, 11 A.M.

Sandusky—Sam Robinson, 11 A.M.

East Birmingham—Bishop H. C. Morrison, 11 A.M.; J. M. Barcus, 8 P.M.

District League Meeting, 3 P.M., H. M. Du Bose.

Newman Chapel—John A. Anderson, 11 A.M.; W. E. Arnold, 8 P.M.

Trinity—H. M. Hamill, 9:30 A.M.; Bishop Jno. J. Tigert, 11 A.M.; S. H. Wainright, 8 P.M.

Ninth Street—Z. T. Bennett, 11 A.M.; H. M. Blair, 8 P.M.

Pratt City—H. M. Du Bose, 8 P.M.

Bessemer—Bishop J. S. Key, 11 A.M.; R. G. Waterhouse, 8 P.M.

West End—E. O. Watson, 11 A.M.; C. M. Bishop, 8 P.M.

Fair View—W. P. McGlown, 11 A.M.; J. H. Eakes, 8 P.M.

Woodlawn—Frank Richardson, 11 A.M.; W. F. Taylor, 8 P.M.

Avondale—Bishop James Atkins, 11 A.M.; George R. Stuart, 8 P.M.

Owenton—J. A. Burrow, 11 A.M.; B. Anthony, 8 P.M.

Brighton—F. S. H. Johnston, 11 A.M.; J. L. Kennedy, 8 P.M.

Jonesboro—W. S. Lagrone, 11 A.M.

Wylam—Jerome Duncan, 11 A.M.; F. S. Onderdonk, 8 P.M.

Sunny Side—W. B. Wilson, 11 A.M.

Walnut Grove—B. R. Bolton, 11 A.M.

PRESBYTERIAN.

First—F. J. Prettyman, 11 A.M.; E. P. Ryland, 8 P.M.

Central—O. E. Brown, 11 A.M.; W. F. McMurry, 8 P.M.

South Highlands—W. F. Tillett, 11 A.M.; John R. Nelson, 8 P.M.

Second—J. H. Scruggs, 11 A.M.; H. A. Boaz, 8 P.M.

Third—W. J. Sims, 11 A.M.; G. C. Kelly, 8 P.M.

Vine Street, West End—W. H. Henry, 11 A.M.; A. R. Faris, 8 P.M.

Woodlawn—E. G. B. Mann, 11 A.M.

BAPTIST.

First—Bishop W. A. Candler, 11 A.M.; T. E. Sharp, 8 P.M.

Southside—A. F. Watkins, 11 A.M.; S. P. Cresap, 8 P.M.

Park Avenue—W. H. Winton, 11 A.M.; W. J. Johnson, 8 P.M.

East Lake Baptist—B. Anthony, 11 A.M.

Avondale—J. W. Heidt, 11 A.M.

North Highlands—R. W. Tucker, 11 A.M.; J. T. Smith, 8 P.M.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN.

First—Young J. Allen, 11 A.M.; J. W. Boswell, 8 P.M.

Ensley—H. B. Reams, 11 A.M.; J. D. Scott, 8 P.M.

CHRISTIAN.

First—B. F. Lipscomb, 11 A.M.; F. S. Parker, 8 P.M.

Simpson M. E. Church—R. H. Mahon, 11 A.M.; S. B. Turrentine, 8 P.M.

Talladega—W. R. Lambuth, both hours.

Westminster Presbyterian—W. N. Ainsworth, 11 A.M.; F. M. Thomas, 8 P.M.

Jefferson Theater—For men only, at 3 P.M., George R. Stuart.

The Chair announced the following committee to sift the calendar: E. W. Alderson, Paul Whitehead, O. E. Brown.

Committee to sift calendar announced.

The Chair announced the result of the first ballot for the election of Secretary of Education as follows: J. D. Hammond received 143 votes; J. M. Moore, 36; D. C. Kelley, 27; R. G. Waterhouse, 13; Willis Carlisle, 3; J. E. Dickey, C. M. Bishop, A. C. Millar, A. F. Watkins, each 2; F. B. Culver, M. L. Carlisle, R. H. Bennett, O. E. Brown, and James Cannon, Jr., each 1.

Result of first ballot for Secretary of Education.

The Chair announced that J. D. Hammond, of the North Georgia Conference, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was elected Secretary of Education.

J. D. Hammond elected.

The order of the day being the election of Publishing Agents, a ballot was taken and 237 votes were cast, 119 being necessary to a choice.

First ballot for Publishing Agents.

Tellers and an Assistant Secretary retired to count the votes.

James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, moved a reconsideration of the action of the Conference by which it refused to take Report No. 11 of the Committee on Itinerancy out of its order. The motion did not prevail.

Motion to reconsider action on Report No. 11 on Itinerancy does not prevail.

The calendar was resumed, and Report No. 3 of the Committee on Sunday Schools was taken from the calendar and read.

Report No. 3 on Sunday Schools read.

A substitute was offered by W. F. Taylor, of the Kentucky Conference.

Substitute offered.

The Chair announced the result of the first ballot for Publishing Agents as follows: D. M. Smith received 208 votes; A. J. Lamar, 192; B. F. Lipscomb, 37; R. H.

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Bennett, 9; B. P. Allen, 2; J. H. Eakes, 4; M. K. Clements, 2; N. B. Henry, 1; T. B. King, 1; W. W. Ball, 3; James Cannon, Jr., 2; C. H. Briggs, 3; — — Dickar, 2; W. B. Palmore, 2; John R. Pepper, 2; H. C. Howard, 1; — — Tiner, 3.

D. M. Smith
and A. J.
Lamar
elected.

The Chair announced that D. M. Smith and A. J. Lamar, each having received a majority of all the votes cast, were elected Publishing Agents.

Motion to
amend Re-
port No. 3 on
Sunday
Schools.

James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, moved to amend Report No. 3 of the Committee on Sunday Schools so as to provide that any balance shall be at the disposal of the Annual Conference Sunday-school Board.

Previous
question
ordered.

M. K. Clements, of the North Alabama Conference, moved the previous question, and the motion prevailed.

Substitute
withdrawn.

The substitute of W. F. Taylor, of the Kentucky Conference, was withdrawn.

Upon the vote on the amendment, the amendment was lost—77 for and 94 against.

Report
adopted.

The report was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS, REPORT NO. 3.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to make the following report:

Resolved, That paragraph 248 of the Discipline be amended by striking out the sentence, beginning at the eighteenth line of said paragraph, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following words: "The Annual Conference Sunday-school Board shall have authority to expend so much as shall be necessary to supply all truly needy Sunday schools within its bounds with our periodical literature, and to defray the necessary expenses of the Board. All the remainder shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the General Sunday-school Board, to be applied by that Board to the endowment of a chair of Religious Pedagogy and Sunday Schools in the Vanderbilt University, until the sum of \$50,000 has been raised. After that sum shall have been raised, the remainder of Children's Day Fund each year, after paying said percentages for literature for needy Sunday schools and the necessary expenses of the Annual Conference Sunday-school Board, shall be invested and used as a loan fund, to be devoted to the education of young ministers of our Church under the direction of the General Board of Education."

So that said paragraph, when so amended, shall read as follows:

"The third Sunday in May, or as near thereto as practicable, shall be observed as Children's Day throughout our Church with appropriate services; and on that day a collection shall be taken up for the aid of needy Sunday schools, the advancement of Sunday-school work under the direction of the Annual Conference Sunday-school Board, and for Christian education. Ten per cent. of the money collected shall be forwarded to the General Conference Sunday-school Board at Nashville, Tenn., and be distributed by said Board in the same manner and under the same regulations as the interest accruing from the Centennial Sunday-school Aid Fund; and ten per cent. to the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The Annual Conference Sunday-school Board shall have authority to expend so much as shall be necessary to supply all truly needy Sunday schools within its bounds with our periodical literature, and to defray the necessary expenses of the Board. All the remainder shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the General Sunday-school Board to be applied by that Board to the endowment of a chair of Religious Pedagogy and Sunday Schools in Vanderbilt University, until the sum of \$50,000 is raised. After that sum shall have been raised, the remainder of Children's Day Fund each year, after paying said percentage for literature for needy Sunday schools and the necessary expenses of the Annual Conference Sunday-school Board, shall be invested and used as a loan fund to be devoted to the education of young ministers of our Church, under direction of the General Board of Education. A suitable programme for Children's Day shall be prepared by the Sunday-school Editor and the Secretary of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

Respectfully submitted:

JOHN O. WILLSON, *Chairman pro tem.*

GEORGE M. NAPIER, *Secretary.*

On motion, the Conference adjourned. The doxology was sung, and Bishop Wilson pronounced the benediction.

Adjournment.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 8 P.M., Bishop Wilson in the chair, to receive the Fraternal Delegates from the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Conference meets.

The Bishop announced hymn No. 2,

Devotional services.

Come, thou almighty King,
Help us thy name to sing,

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Credentials of
Rev. W. S.
Matthew
and C. W.
Fairbanks
read.

which was sung by the Conference. Prayer was offered by W. P. Lovejoy, of the North Georgia Conference.

The credentials of Rev. W. S. Matthew, D.D., and of the Honorable Charles W. Fairbanks, were read by the Secretary as follows:

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF BISHOPS,

CINCINNATI, OHIO, May 1, 1906.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Pursuant to provisions made by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Los Angeles, California, in May, 1904, the bishops have appointed as Fraternal Messengers to your body the Rev. W. S. Matthew, D.D., a highly esteemed minister of the gospel in the California Conference of our Church, and the honored American citizen, Charles W. Fairbanks, the Vice President.

They bear to you assurances of the respect and affection cherished among us toward your Church, which we gladly recognize as one with ours in doctrines, usages, aims, and spirit.

They will express our joy that your fields of Christian labor are enlarging, and that your power for good is constantly increasing; and will inform you of the success which still attends our work in the home land and in our missions in foreign countries.

They will emphasize the earnest desire cherished by our people that our communions may foster the sentiments of cordial fraternity, walk in the full fellowship of the Spirit, and become more abundant in labors for the establishment of the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ throughout the world.

By order of the Board of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOHN M. WALDEN, *Secretary.*

Dr. Matthew
introduced,
and delivers
fraternal
message.

Vice President
Fairbanks
introduced
and heard in
felicitous
address.

The Chair introduced Dr. Matthew, who delivered an earnest and appropriate address, fraternal in spirit and happy in expression.

The Chair then, in words well chosen and strong, introduced that distinguished American citizen and Methodist layman, the Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks, Vice President of the United States. Mr. Fairbanks spoke greatly to the delight of the large audience that heard him.

Bishop
Walden
speaks.

At the close of the address of the Vice President, the venerable Bishop J. M. Walden, of the Methodist Epis-

copal Church, was introduced and made a few kindly remarks.

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Response by
Chair.
Adjournment.

A fitting response was made by the Chair.

After singing the doxology, the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Walden, and Conference adjourned.

FIFTEENTH DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1906.

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Conference
meets.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Wilson in the chair.

Religious
services.

The opening religious services were conducted by T. W. Lewis, of the North Mississippi Conference, who read selections from Psalm xxxvii., announced hymn No. 317,

More love to thee, O Christ,
More love to thee,

and led in prayer.

The minutes of the sessions of yesterday morning, afternoon, and evening were read and approved.

Minutes
approved.

Bishop Duncan took the chair.

Bishop
Duncan
presides.
Speeches
limited to
five minutes.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter, until the final adjournment of this Conference, all speeches shall be limited to five minutes, unless the time be extended by a vote of the body.

C. H. BRIGGS,
E. O. WATSON.

Leave of absence was granted R. W. Tucker, clerical delegate from the Louisiana Conference, and C. H. Duty, lay delegate from the Kentucky Conference.

R. W. Tucker
and C. H.
Duty grant-
ed leave of
absence.

James Kilgore, clerical alternate from the Texas Conference, was recognized and seated in place of Seth Ward.

J. Kilgore
seated.

Jerome Duncan, clerical alternate from the North-west Texas Conference, was recognized and seated in place of H. A. Boaz.

Jerome
Duncan
seated.

A. P. Few, clerical alternate from the Little Rock Conference, was recognized and seated in place of James Thomas, for this morning's session.

A. P. Few
seated.

J. M. Henry, clerical alternate from the Louisiana Conference, was recognized and seated in place of R. W. Tucker.

J. M. Henry
seated.

J. B. McGehee, of the South Georgia Conference, presented the following resolution:

Resolution on
final ad-
journment.

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Resolved, That Monday, 11 A.M., be fixed as the hour for final adjournment of this General Conference.

J. B. MCGEHEE,

W. C. LOVETT,

And others.

Laid on table.

Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, moved that the resolution be tabled, and the motion prevailed.

Sifting of
calendar
completed.

E. W. Alderson, of the North Texas Conference, announced that the committee appointed to sift the calendar had done its work, and that the revised calendar was in the hands of the Secretary.

Protest
against
action on re-
statement of
faith.

W. E. Williams, of the Northwest Texas Conference, asked to have read and spread on the Journal a protest against the action of the Conference relative to the re-statement of faith. The protest is spread on the Journal as follows:

PROTEST AGAINST THE ACTION OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE NEW STATEMENT OF FAITH.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Dear Brethren: This protest against the action of the Conference touching the matter of the re-statement, or to use the now world-accepted synonym of this word, "revision," of our Articles of Faith, is made, not for the sake of notoriety, nor yet in a spirit of refusal to submit to the vote of the majority.

Those who sign this paper yield, as members of this body, to the vote of the majority, but as individuals representing a large minority, a minority which increased by a few votes would have been the majority, feel that it is not only their right, but their duty, to set forth their reasons why they believe this radical and unexpected legislation is unwise.

Those who sign this paper believe that a great calamity has befallen our Church. On no matter less important than one affecting the very foundations upon which our Church is built would we enter this protest.

We believe that great harm will come to our Church from this action, for the following reasons:

First. There was no demand made for the action as taken. Upon the convening of this Conference, the question had never been suggested to the Church at large.

If it had ever been considered theretofore, as a matter for legislation, its authors had kept it as a secret from the great heart of the Church. A few days are not sufficient for the consideration and decision of such a momentous question. It is hasty legislation.

Second. This matter having been enterprised unadvisedly and suddenly, and without preparation for it, by the great body of our Methodism, will cause ceaseless discussion and a spirit of unrest throughout the bounds of the Church.

In every hamlet, in every country church in our great cities, everywhere, discussion, argument, and wrangling will take the place of worship.

From Maryland to Florida, from the Carolinas across the continent to the Pacific, will the Church be confused. Friends will divide on the question, father will differ from son, and brother will take sides against brother. Already the General Conference is almost equally divided; delegations are divided as nothing before ever estranged them; even our College of Bishops is not a unit; and our people will become followers of the Pauls and Apolloses among the leaders, and the Church will be stirred as never before. Each Annual Conference will take action in the matter, some for, some against, and thus the conflict will continue for four years. Let it be understood that this is not a difference on an unimportant matter; differences of judgment among brethren on matters of Church government do not bring discord, they affect only forms, but here we differ, unalterably, upon the very foundation of our faith.

Third. Conceal the matter as we may, this General Conference believes, the Church will believe, and the world, through the press, has already asserted, that this movement emanates from and is largely supported by those in charge of our Church schools. If it should be admitted that this belief is unfounded, yet the evil has been done and will increase as this impression takes hold of the people. In endowments and patronage our schools will suffer.

Right well did Bishop Wilson say: "This air is full of discord and the notes of dissonance are jarring upon our ears from day to day; many of our young men, going into our theological schools, do not know exactly where they stand; yes, and do not know when they come out."

Keeping this statement in mind, and taking in connection therewith the statement of the author of the resolution, who, when referring to our Articles of Faith, says, "I for one believe that they have served their purpose," and that they should take their place in our history of Christian doctrine, and that they are now inadequate, and that they should be superannuated, and that they are insufficient in the hands of our teachers of theology—then we say that no other conclusion can be reached than this, that if left to our schools the whole number would be relegated as sixteenth century, worn-out history, and our

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schools must bear the burden of this legislation and suffer permanent hurt.

Fourth. We assert that the foregoing considerations are sufficient to convince any reasonable mind, unless there is such a necessity for the revision as would make the end justify the means, even if great temporary harm should come to the Church. Now let us see as to this necessity.

Evidently in the mind of the author there is necessity for the revision, for in the preamble to the resolution prepared deliberately and premeditatedly he says that he does not believe that the Articles meet the existing needs of the Church. Even his most ardent supporters could not agree with him and say that they trust that we shall not put any sort of adverse judgment upon the Twenty-five Articles. He believes they have served their purpose, but in order to carry the report to victory accepts the amendment to strike out the strongest expression in the paper, and at once the author and his supporters take the defensive in the argument and profess undying love and faith in the very things that they had stated were not sufficient.

Bishop Wilson answers the whole matter when he says: "I am perfectly satisfied with the Articles as we have them. I think they will satisfy the faith of the world for many years to come." There is no necessity for this revision. It is yielding to the spirit of the age. The most earnest advocate of the measure says, "A revision of creeds is the order of the day," and he wants us to join in the novelty.

Fifth. The adoption of the report of the committee is violative of the sixth restrictive rule, in this, that it is a misapplication of the produce of the Publishing House to use the same for the payment of the expenses of such a commission, and the action should be vetoed by the bishops.

We respectfully ask that this protest be entered in the Journal of this Conference.

FRANK RICHARDSON,	J. T. McKEOWN,
W. ERSKINE WILLIAMS,	J. G. PUTMAN,
JOHN W. BOSWELL,	H. M. DU BOSE,
H. B. REAMS,	GEORGE H. LAMAR,
C. H. MORRIS,	FORREST J. PRETTYMAN,
T. T. FISHBURNE,	ALLEN L. ANDREWS,
J. M. MOORE,	W. J. SIMS,
T. W. ADAMS,	J. S. MCINTYRE,
B. R. BOLTON,	N. L. LINEBAUGH,
J. T. SMITH,	C. M. ARMSTRONG,
T. S. GARRISON,	JOHN A. ANDERSON,
JOHN H. McLEAN,	ARTHUR B. PUGH,

W. S. LAGRONE.

The following response from the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church was received, and, on motion of A. F. Watkins, of the Mississippi Conference, placed on record as follows:

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Response from
Presbyter-
ian Assem-
bly.

GREENVILLE, S. C., May 18, 1906.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Birmingham, Ala.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States sends greetings. Read Ephesians iii. 7-21.

(Signed.)

ALLEN G. HALL, *Moderator.*

W. G. ALEXANDER, *Stated Clerk.*

W. F. Tillett, of the Tennessee Conference, moved that C. M. Bishop, O. E. Brown, and J. H. Scruggs be appointed a committee in behalf of the majority to reply to the protest signed by W. E. Williams and others, and that the reply be spread on the Journal.

Committee
appointed to
reply to pro-
test against
restatement
of faith.

On motion, the previous question was ordered, and the motion prevailed.

J. R. Pepper, of the Memphis Conference, arose to a question of privilege, and offered the following resolution:

Pepper's reso-
lution on
Children's
Day Fund.

Resolved, That the appropriation of Children's Day Fund for founding a chair of Religious Pedagogy and Sunday Schools in Vanderbilt University do not apply to this Children's Day of 1906.

(Signed.)

J. R. PEPPER,

WILLIAM THOMPSON.

James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, moved that the rules be suspended and the resolution put upon its passage. The motion prevailed, and the resolution was adopted.

Rules sus-
pended and
resolution
adopted.

C. B. Moseley, of the Japan Mission Conference, was recognized and seated in place of S. H. Wainright.

C. B. Moseley
seated.

John M. Moore, of the North Texas Conference, presented the following resolution, which, under a suspension of the rules, was adopted:

Greetings to
Cumberland
Presbyterian
Assembly.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to send fraternal greetings to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church now in session in Decatur, Ill.

(Signed.)

JOHN M. MOORE,

H. M. DU BOSE.

The Secretary sent the following telegram in behalf of the Conference:

Telegram sent
in behalf of
Conference.

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BIRMINGHAM, ALA., May 19, 1906.

General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Decatur, Ill.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, sends fraternal greetings. Hebrews xiii. 8.

A. F. WATKINS, *Secretary*.

Standing committees called.

The list of standing committees was called for reports, and the following were presented:

Report No. 6 on Education taken out of order and adopted.

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Education was read.

R. G. Waterhouse, of the Holston Conference, moved that the report be taken out of its order and put upon its passage, and the motion prevailed.

On motion of R. G. Waterhouse, of the Holston Conference, the report was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, REPORT NO. 6.

Your Committee on Education nominates for election the following Board of Education for the ensuing quadrennium: Bishop C. B. Galloway, Bishop James Atkins; J. H. Kirkland, Tennessee Conference; W. W. Smith, Virginia Conference; John C. Kilgo, North Carolina Conference; W. B. Murrah, North Mississippi Conference; T. E. Sharp, St. Louis Conference; H. C. Pritchett, Texas Conference; H. N. Snyder, South Carolina Conference; John Massey, Alabama Conference; C. E. Dowman, North Georgia Conference; W. R. Webb, Tennessee Conference; H. P. Hamill, Baltimore Conference; R. G. Waterhouse, Holston Conference; S. G. Thompson, Indian Mission Conference; B. B. Price, Montana Conference; W. E. Vaughan, Pacific Conference.

Respectfully submitted:

R. G. WATERHOUSE, *Chairman*.

JOHN M. MOORE, *Secretary*.

Report No. 17 on Missions adopted, under suspension of rules.

Report No. 17 of the Committee on Missions was read. On motion of O. E. Brown, of the Missouri Conference, the rules were suspended and the report put upon its passage.

On motion, the report was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, REPORT NO. 17.

Your Committee on Missions nominate the following Board of Missions: Bishop A. W. Wilson, President; Bishop James Atkins, Vice President; Revs. G. W. Mathews, South Georgia Conference; J. H. McLean, North Texas Conference; Horace Bishop, Northwest Texas Conference; B.

F. Lipscomb, Virginia Conference; R. H. Willis, North Carolina Conference; C. M. Bishop, Missouri Conference; G. B. Winton, Mexican Border Mission Conference; J. T. Daves, North Georgia Conference; F. S. H. Johnston, Arkansas Conference; S. L. Dobbs, North Alabama Conference; A. F. Watkins, Mississippi Conference; M. L. Carlisle, South Carolina Conference; F. S. Parker, Louisiana Conference; J. W. Perry, Holston Conference; E. P. Ryland, Los Angeles Conference; Messrs. W. R. Hays, Paducah, Ky.; W. W. Ball, Maysville, Ky.; F. A. Critz, West Point, Miss.; Murry Carlton, St. Louis, Mo.; T. L. Herbert, Nashville, Tenn.; W. R. Cole, Nashville, Tenn.; Thomas S. Weaver, Nashville, Tenn.; T. T. Fishburne, Roanoke, Va.; J. B. Green, Opelika, Ala.; M. O. Hughes, Bowling Green, Ky.

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Respectfully submitted:

O. E. BROWN, *Chairman.*

J. W. PERRY, *Secretary.*

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Temperance was read.

Report No. 6
on Temper-
ance read
and adopted.

On motion of James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, the rules were suspended and the report put upon its passage.

On motion of James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, the report was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE, REPORT NO. 6.

Your Committee on Temperance, to whom were referred resolutions signed by James Cannon, Jr., and T. J. Barham, of the Virginia Conference, in reference to the sale of intoxicating liquors by employees of the government, or on places under its control, respectfully recommend concurrence in said resolutions. They are as follows:

"Whereas, a large number of the citizens of the United States are opposed to the traffic of intoxicating liquors for beverage in any form.

"*Resolved*, 1. That this General Conference, representing over one and a half million of members, hereby places itself on record as being unalterably opposed to any legislation which will permit intoxicating liquors to be sold for beverage purposes on any premises owned or leased by the United States Government, or by any officers or employees of said government.

"*Resolved*, 2. That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate and

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to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to be committed by them to the bodies over which they respectively preside."

(Signed.)

E. B. CHAPPELL, *Chairman.*

PERRY S. RADER, *Secretary.*

Report No. 10
on Finance
read and
adopted.

Report No. 10 of the Committee on Finance was read, and, on motion of T. S. Garrison, of the Texas Conference, the rules were suspended and the report put upon its passage.

On motion of J. A. Anderson, of the Arkansas Conference, the previous question was ordered.

The report was not adopted by a vote of 53 for, 115 against.

Report Nos. 4
and 5 on
Federation
placed on
calendar.

Report No. 4 of the special committee on Federation was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 5 was read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 6
on Federa-
tion read and
adopted.

Report No. 6 was read.

On motion of Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, the rules were suspended and the report put upon its passage and adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON FEDERATION, REPORT NO. 6.

The item in the Episcopal Address on the Interchurch Conference on Marriage and Divorce was before your committee; and they would cordially commend the purpose of this Conference in cultivating the growing spirit of so many Churches in emphasizing the sacredness of marriage as "first among the institutions of God for man, and as foremost among the sanctities of life." The position of our own Church on the divorce question has never been in any doubt, and we are glad to unite with other Churches in stimulating national interest in correcting existing evils. The attention of our people is called to this important question, and the literature published by the officers of the Interchurch Conference will be found to contain valuable information. Our bishops are requested to take such action as may be needed for the proper representation of our Church in all the work of this Interchurch Conference.

(Signed.)

COLLINS DENNY, *Chairman.*

JOHN R. NELSON, *Secretary.*

Report No. 7
on Federa-
tion read
and adopted.

Report No. 7 of the Committee on Federation was read.

On motion of Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Con-

ference, it was put upon its passage and adopted as follows:

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COMMITTEE ON FEDERATION, REPORT NO. 7.

Your Committee on Federation recommends the appointment of the following commission to carry out the provisions of the resolution in reference to our German work: one of our bishops, to be selected by the College of Bishops; Rev. W. R. Lambuth, Rev. A. E. Rector, Rev. Jno. R. Nelson, and S. R. Hay.

(Signed.)

COLLINS DENNY, Chairman.

JOHN R. NELSON, Secretary.

Report No. 8 of the Committee on Federation was read.

Report No. 8
on Federa-
tion read
and adopted.

Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, moved that it be put upon its passage. The motion prevailed, and the report was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON FEDERATION, REPORT NO. 8.

Your Committee on Federation recommends the election of the following as the Commission on Federation: Bishop A. W. Wilson, Bishop E. E. Hoss, Bishop James Atkins, Rev. J. H. Dye, Rev. W. L. Nelms, Rev. Frank M. Thomas, Professor R. W. Jones, Professor E. B. Prettyman, Hon. Samuel B. Adams.

Respectfully submitted:

(Signed.)

COLLINS DENNY, Chairman.

JOHN R. NELSON, Secretary.

The special committee on nomination of the Book Committee presented its report.

Report on
nomination
of Book
Committee
adopted.

John O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference, moved that the report be put upon its passage, and the report was adopted as follows:

Your committee appointed to nominate the Book Committee for the ensuing quadrennium recommend the following persons: Collins Denny, W. C. Dibrell, O. E. Brown, J. B. Morgan, J. B. Ransom, Paul Whitehead, James Cannon, Jr., J. M. Mason, R. A. Child, R. W. Millsaps, J. L. Nelson, E. C. Reeves, Sidney Bass.

Respectfully submitted:

G. C. RANKIN, Chairman.

J. A. BURROW, Secretary.

The committee appointed to nominate the Committee of Arrangements for the Entertainment of the General Conference of 1910 presented its report.

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Report on
nomination
of Commit-
tee of Ar-
rangements
for next
General
Conference
adopted.

T. W. Adams, of the Mississippi Conference, moved that the rules be suspended and the report put upon its passage. The motion prevailed, and the report was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Nominations for the Committee of Arrangements for the General Conference of 1910 beg leave to offer the following nominations: R. W. Millsaps, B. F. Lipscomb, John O. Willson, C. M. Bishop, J. M. Robertson.

Respectfully submitted:

JOHN M. MOORE, G. D. SHANDS,
JOHN L. WHEAT, R. A. CHILD.
JOHN R. NELSON,

Report No. 3
on Missions
amended by
consent.

O. E. Brown, of the Missouri Conference, asked that unanimous consent be given for the insertion of amendments to Report No. 3 of the Committee on Missions. Unanimous consent was granted, and the report was amended as follows:

Amend item 3 by adding: "*Provided*, that whenever matters relating to the woman's work are to be acted upon by the Executive Committee of seven, the President or Secretary of the Woman's Board shall have notice, and shall have the right to be present and to be heard."

Amend item 5 by adding: "*Provided*, that either the President or Secretary of the Woman's Board shall be a member of the Committee on Candidates of the Board of Missions."

Calendar
taken up.
Dr. Matthew
takes leave
of Confer-
ence.

The calendar was taken up.

Rev. W. S. Matthew, D.D., Fraternal Delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church, took his leave of the Conference.

Report No. 3
on Colpor-
tage read.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Colportage was read.

Amendment
offered.

Bascom Anthony, of the South Georgia Conference, offered an amendment.

A. J. Lamar
addresses
Conference.

A. J. Lamar, of the Alabama Conference, one of the Publishing Agents, addressed the Conference in favor of the report. On motion, his time was extended.

Alderson's
substitute.

E. W. Alderson, of the North Texas Conference, offered a substitute for the report.

Howard's
point of
order sus-
tained.

H. C. Howard, of the North Alabama Conference, rose to a point of order, that the substitute of E. W. Alderson was out of order, because introducing new business. The Chair sustained the point of order.

On motion, the previous question was ordered.

The vote being taken on the amendment, it did not prevail.

J. M. Barcus, of the Northwest Texas Conference, moved that the report be adopted as follows, and the motion prevailed:

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Previous ques-
tion ordered.
Amendment
fails.
Report
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON COLPORTAGE, REPORT NO. 3.

The Committee on Colportage, after the consideration of the resolution on Conference Colporters, presented by Bascom Anthony and J. H. Scruggs, of the South Georgia Conference, recommend nonconcurrency.

W. R. LAMBUTH, *Chairman.*

H. C. HOWARD, *Secretary.*

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Education was taken from the calendar and, on motion, adopted as follows:

Report No. 4
on Educa-
tion adopted.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, REPORT NO. 4.

Your committee have had before them that portion of the Episcopal Address which reads as follows: "We are informed that memorials will be before you from certain Annual Conferences bearing upon the whole question of the relation of Vanderbilt University to the Church. You will, of course, give them your careful consideration. In the same connection we desire to call your attention to the action taken by the General Conference of 1898 on a memorial from the Board of Trust. If for any reason, or in any respect, that action has failed of accomplishing the end in view, it may be well for you to take whatever steps are necessary to give it due effect."

We have also had before us memorials from the North Mississippi Conference, and the Alabama Conference, requesting the General Conference to inquire into the Church's ownership and control of Vanderbilt University, and the charter rights of the bishops therein. Also a memorial from the Tennessee Conference asking the General Conference to inquire into the status of the proposed charter and to counsel with the Board of Trust thereon.

We have made careful inquiry into the legal history of Vanderbilt University, and have ascertained the following facts. In the year 1872 certain representatives of the Memphis, Tennessee, North Mississippi, White River, North Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Little Rock Conferences issued a charter for the Central University of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Resolutions which had

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tion.

been passed by the delegates of said Conferences at a convention held in the city of Memphis on January 24, 26, and 27, 1872, were made a part of the charter. Resolution 9 read as follows: "That the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, be and are hereby requested to act as a board of supervision of the university or any of its departments, and jointly with the Board of Trust to elect officers and professors, and prescribe the course of study and the plan of government." In 1873 this charter was amended by changing the name and style of the institution to the Vanderbilt University.

Until his death in 1889, Bishop H. N. McTyeire, who possessed, by a special provision, veto power over acts of the Board of Trust, was President of the Board and the chief representative of the bishops in the management of the university. Upon his death, the bishops as a body began acting conjointly with the Board of Trust. In 1894 all the bishops were, by a by-law of the Board of Trust, made *ex officio* members of the same. Three years later the charter Conferences, and also the Louisville, which had become a patronizing Conference, were asked by the Board of Trust to surrender their rights of representation in the Board and to convey the same to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The General Conference of 1898 approved this action and declared that said control should pass when the consent of all patronizing Conferences should be attained and "the necessary legal steps taken." The consent of these Conferences was obtained, but so far no legal steps have been taken. In 1905 at a meeting of the Board of Trust the by-law of 1894, which made the bishops *ex officio* members of the Board, was rescinded. The Board of Trust then elected to membership the five senior bishops, with no provision as to their successors.

There can be no question as to the ownership of the university by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, or as to the charter rights of all the bishops, but in view of certain questions which must be decided, we recommend the appointment by the General Conference of a commission of five laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to act as follows:

First. To inquire into and determine the present relation of the Vanderbilt University to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Second. To take legal steps, if necessary, to perfect the transfer of the university from the patronizing Conferences to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

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tion.

Third. To define the charter rights of the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and when so defined the bishops are hereby instructed to enter on the same.

Fourth. We recommend that the commission be composed of the following gentlemen: Judge Edward O'Rear, Frankfort, Ky.; Judge John Rich, Slater, Mo.; Judge E. D. Newman, Woodstock, Va.; Judge Joseph A. McCullough, Greenville, S. C.; and the Hon. Creed Fulton Bates, Chattanooga, Tenn. The commission shall have power to fill any vacancy in its membership.

Fifth. This commission is instructed to proceed in this matter as early as possible, and they shall communicate the result of their deliberations simultaneously to the College of Bishops, the Board of Trust of the Vanderbilt University, and the General Board of Education; and when their decisions are so announced, they shall become operative at once.

Sixth. The General Secretary of the Board of Education shall act as Secretary of this commission, to notify its members of their appointment, to conduct all necessary correspondence, and to gather all available data bearing upon the above matters.

Seventh. We recommend that the expenses of this commission be paid by the General Board of Education.

Touching the memorial from the Tennessee Conference, which requested this General Conference to inquire into the status of the proposed charter and to counsel with the Board of Trust, we report that we have been informed by the representatives of the Board that "no action for amending the charter is pending, and that nothing can be done at any time in the future without unanimous consent of the members of the Board." We recommend that in case of any future charter or amendment the present existing rights of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the bishops thereof be preserved.

Respectfully submitted:

R. G. WATERHOUSE, *Chairman.*
JOHN M. MOORE, *Secretary.*

Report No. 11 of the Committee on Revisals was taken from the calendar, and item 4, section "A," was read.

E. W. Alderson, of the North Texas Conference, presented a substitute.

J. R. Pepper, of the Memphis Conference, moved that the time be extended five minutes in order that E. W. Alderson might conclude his speech.

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on Revisals
—item 4, sec-
tion A, read.
Alderson's
substitute.

Motion to ex-
tend time.

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Bishop's sub-
stitute for
entire mat-
ter.

Previous ques-
tion ordered.
Bishop's
substitute
adopted.

C. M. Bishop, of the Missouri Conference, moved a substitute for the entire matter.

A. L. Andrews, of the Alabama Conference, moved the previous question, and the motion prevailed.

The vote was taken on the substitute of C. M. Bishop, and it was adopted by a vote of 113 to 73, as follows:

Inasmuch as various papers concerning changes in our Ritual have been presented to this General Conference; and inasmuch as such revision, if made, should be made with the greatest care and after thorough consideration,

Resolved, That a commission of five members be appointed by the bishops to take this whole matter under consideration, and report to the next quadrennial session of the General Conference.

C. M. BISHOP, S. P. CRESAP,
O. E. BROWN, B. D. SIPPLE.

Conference
to meet in
afternoon.

J. M. Barcus, of the Northwest Texas Conference, moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at three o'clock this afternoon; and the motion prevailed.

Changes in
preaching
appoint-
ments.

Changes were made in the appointments for public worship on Sunday, May 20, as follows:

FIVE POINTS—W. B. Palmore, 8 P.M.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN—J. D. Hammond, 8 P.M.

FAIRVIEW METHODIST—H. P. Adams, 8 P.M.

AVONDALE BAPTIST—James A. Anderson, 11 A.M.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN—G. W. Wilson, 11 A.M.; T. E. Sharp, 8 P.M.

VINE STREET PRESBYTERIAN—C. L. McCausland, 8 P.M.

J. R. Pepper will talk to the Sunday-school teachers at St. John's at 10 A.M.

PARK AVENUE BAPTIST—J. E. Harrison, 8 P.M.

FIRST BAPTIST—John F. Goucher, lecture on Robert Morrison, 8 P.M.

ENSLEY M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH—E. G. B. Mann, 8 P.M.

ENSLEY CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN—C. M. Coppedge, 8 P.M.

ST. PAUL—C. M. Bishop, 11 A.M.

WEST END M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH—J. A. Clifton, 8 P.M.

ELEVENTH AVENUE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH—J. H. Stevenson, 11 A.M.; T. W. Lewis, 8 P.M.

Committee
change.

E. A. Bonnell, of the Indian Mission Conference, was assigned to the Committee on Church Extension in place of T. F. Brewer.

Adjournment.

A. F. Watkins, of the Mississippi Conference, moved

that the Conference adjourn, and the motion prevailed. Conference adjourned with the doxology, and benediction pronounced by Bishop Duncan.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 3 P.M., Bishop Duncan in the chair. Conference meets.

Religious service, consisting of singing hymn No. 2, Religious service.

Come, thou almighty King,
Help us thy name to sing,

and prayer, was led by John M. Moore, of the North Texas Conference.

Bishop Galloway took the chair.

The calendar was taken up.

Report No. 7 of the Committee on Education was read and, on motion, adopted as follows: Bishop Galloway presides. Calendar taken up. Report No. 7 on Education adopted.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, REPORT NO. 7.

Your committee having had under consideration a resolution, signed by certain delegates of the Holston Conference and others, asking that such action be taken by this General Conference as shall enable our General Board of Education to lead the Church in a movement for the progressive betterment of our homes as institutions of religious nurture, report as follows:

First. We recommend a change in the first sentence of paragraph 425, Article X., of the Discipline, by inserting after "Christian education" the words "in our homes and schools," making the sentence read, as amended, "The Board shall gather statistics, and shall prepare, publish, and distribute tracts and other documents calculated to advance the cause of Christian education in our homes and schools, and shall have control of all our work on behalf of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America."

Second. We recommend that the Board, through its Corresponding Secretary or other agency, secure as early as possible in the coming quadrennium some pamphlet literature calculated to serve as aids to parents and pastors in child study, family worship, and religious instruction of children.

Third. We recommend that the Corresponding Secretary of our General Board bring to the attention of every Annual Conference Board of Education the importance of the home as an institution of Christian nurture, enlisting as early and effectively as possible their coöperation.

(Signed.)

R. G. WATERHOUSE, *Chairman.*
JOHN M. MOORE, *Secretary.*

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Report on
 Statistical
 Blanks
 adopted.

The report of the special committee on Statistical Blanks was taken from the calendar and, on motion, adopted as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STATISTICAL BLANKS.

Your Committee on Blanks for Statistical Reports to the Annual Conferences have given careful consideration to the several memorials and resolutions concerning blanks referred to them.

We recommend the adoption of the following statistical form for reports to the Annual Conferences:

Statistical Report year Conference.
 Table No. 1.—Membership, Baptisms, and Church Property.
Charge,District,Preacher in Charge.

No. local preachers; No. members reported last year; No. additions on profession of faith; No. additions by certificate and otherwise; present total membership; adults baptized; infants baptized; societies in the charge; houses of worship; value of houses of worship; indebtedness on houses of worship; No. parsonages; value of parsonages; indebtedness on parsonages; value of other church property; amount expended on church property; No. of churches damaged or destroyed; amount of such damages; amount of insurance carried; amount of premiums paid; amounts collected on losses.

Table No. 2.—Epworth Leagues, Sunday Schools, and Woman's Work.

.....Charge,District,Preacher in Charge.

No. Senior Leagues, and membership; No. Junior Leagues, and membership; total membership of Leagues; amounts raised by Leagues for missions; for other objects; total amount raised by Leagues. No. Sunday schools; No. officers and teachers; No. scholars enrolled during the year; amounts raised by the Sunday schools for missions, Children's Day, other objects; total amount raised by Sunday schools. No. Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies; and No. of members of these societies; No. of Woman's Home Mission Societies, and No. of members of these societies; amount raised by each of these, and aggregate amount raised by both societies.

Table No. 3.—Financial.

.....Charge,District,Preacher in Charge.

Amounts assessed and paid to presiding elder, preacher in charge, bishops, Conference claimants, Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions, Church Extension, Education, American Bible Society, delegates to General Conference, endowment

for superannuated preachers; three blanks for miscellaneous or special assessments or collections, amount raised for other objects not elsewhere reported, total of finance table, and grand total composed of all items from tables 1, 2, and 3.

We submit herewith as a part of this report a model for these blanks, to be printed in duplicate on one page, instead of three as heretofore, and so perforated as to allow the preservation of the original as a stub for record while the duplicate is detached for the Statistical Secretary of the Annual Conference.

FITZGERALD SALE PARKER, *Chairman*.

E. O. WATSON, *Secretary*.

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Report No. 6 of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read and adopted as follows:

Report No. 6
on Sunday
Schools
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS, REPORT NO. 6.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools respectfully recommend for election as members of the General Sunday-school Board the following: John R. Pepper, of the Memphis Conference; John O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference; B. M. Burgher, of the North Texas Conference; M. L. Walton, of the Baltimore Conference; George M. Napier, of the North Georgia Conference.

Respectfully submitted:

(Signed.)

JOHN O. WILLSON, *Chairman pro tem*.

GEORGE M. NAPIER, *Secretary*.

Report No. 12 of the Committee on Revisals was read. Z. T. Bennett, of the White River Conference, presented a minority report.

Report No. 12
on Revisals
read.
Minority re-
port pre-
sented.
Previous ques-
tion ordered.

James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, moved the previous question, and the motion prevailed.

The vote was taken on the minority report and it was not adopted, 53 votes being cast in the affirmative and 84 in the negative.

Minority
report re-
jected.

On motion, the original report was adopted as follows:

Original
report
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON REVISALS, REPORT NO. 12.

We have considered several memorials proposing amendments to paragraph 77 of the Discipline, and we recommend the following amendment, to wit: After the word "preach" in the fifth line from the bottom add the words, "and to recommend proper persons to the Annual Conference for admission on trial," so that the paragraph as amended shall read as follows: "They shall serve until the

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ensuing Annual Conference, and, in cases of absolute necessity, shall have the power, by unanimous vote, on thorough examination on the prescribed course of study, to license proper and duly recommended persons to preach, and to recommend proper persons to the Annual Conference for admission on trial."

(Signed.)

GROSS ALEXANDER, *Chairman.*

Z. T. BENNETT, *Secretary.*

Report No. 3
on Finance
adopted.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Finance was read and adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, REPORT NO. 3.

We herewith return to the General Conference the report of the Board of Trustees referred to us, with its accompanying recommendations, which we ask shall be spread upon the Journal. In accordance with the recommendations in said report, your committee respectfully recommend that the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, be increased from eight to ten members. Your committee further recommend that John L. Nolen be elected a member of said Board for the term for four years to fill out the unexpired term of Jordan Stokes, Esq., resigned. We further recommend that Rev. B. F. Lipscomb, Rev. Anson West, Mr. W. S. Baker, Mr. D. C. Scales, and Rev. J. A. Burrow be elected members of said Board for the term of eight years, and Mr. Thomas S. Weaver for the term of four years.

Respectfully submitted:

(Signed.)

T. S. GARRISON, *Chairman.*

GEORGE J. LEFTWICH, *Secretary.*

Report of
Board of
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REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

As required by the Discipline, the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, respectfully submits its quadrennial report as follows:

Under date of April 14, 1892, Robert D. White, of Fairmont, W. Va., made a will, probated April 10, 1893, in which, after a few minor legacies and bequeathing to his wife a lifetime interest in all his property, he directed that, after his wife's death, his executor should sell all his property and give the proceeds of the same to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to be used according to the usages and customs of said Church, except that one-half of the said sum, whatever it might be, should go into the fund for worn-out ministers, and the other half be used for missionary purposes.

The executor of said will filed a bill to have the will

construed, thereupon the Board of Trustees employed counsel to represent the Church. The case was decided against the Church, the Board of Missions sharing the small expenses incurred by the suit.

The late George M. Jones, of Lynchburg, Va., under date of June 18, 1902, after making various other legacies, willed that the sum of ten thousand dollars be paid to "the Board of Trustees" of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to be received and expended by said Board and their successors for the equal benefit of Foreign and Domestic Missions, in such manner as the Virginia Conference of said Church might direct.

The will was contested, and after being in litigation for some time the Board of Trustees authorized and requested one of its members to act in connection with the counsel in securing the best possible settlement of the case, as a compromise of the case had been advised. The sum of \$2,500 was obtained, \$500 paid as lawyers' fees, \$1,000 paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Virginia Conference, and by direction of the same Conference the remaining \$1,000 was paid to J. D. Hamilton, Treasurer of the Board of Missions and applied to Granbery College, Brazil.

Mrs. J. A. Henry, of Montgomery, Ala., made a bequest of six hundred dollars through the Board, as follows: Two hundred dollars to be paid to Dexter Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, South; two hundred dollars to be paid to the Missionary Society of Court Street Church; and two hundred dollars to be paid to the Treasurer of the Alabama Conference for Conference claimants; all of which was paid as directed.

SUPERANNUATE ENDOWMENT FUND.

The Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as the custodian of the Endowment Fund for superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers, provided for by action of the last General Conference, would report as follows touching this connectional interest:

Authorized and instructed to employ such agents or agencies as might be considered judicious, the Board of Trustees accordingly secured the services of Rev. A. F. Watkins, D.D., of the Mississippi Conference, as Field Agent. Beginning September 1, 1902, he continued until January 1, 1905, visiting Annual and District Conferences, and also individual churches, representing with ability and success this great cause, securing by far the larger part of the subscriptions and contributions made to the

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fund. Having completed the visitation of the Annual Conferences, Dr. Watkins thought it advisable to offer his resignation, which he did, and which the Board with some hesitation accepted.

From January 1 to November 1, 1905, there was no agent in the field. At the latter date the Secretary-Treasurer was charged with the additional duties of the agency. Beginning at once the Conference visitations, and later going to various churches, he has met in most instances with gratifying encouragement, the fund during this six months having increased something over ten thousand dollars.

The Secretary is making special effort this year to help the pastors, our legitimate and useful agents in all Church enterprises, to carry out the wise provision of presenting the claims of this fund to all of our churches, receiving voluntary contributions to the same.

Letters are addressed to preachers in charge and presiding elders, urging the importance of this matter, to which it is hoped they will give practical attention. A very small average collection would bring to the fund \$40,000 or \$50,000 per annum.

It is considered right and proper that mention be made of the fact that the former Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. D. C. Scales, served the Board faithfully and efficiently for two years and more, doing much laborious service and refusing any compensation for his work.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

Cash received from all sources.....	\$ 90,923 12
Expenses	\$11,432 38
Amount of loans.....	76,256 67
Cash on hand.....	3,234 07
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	\$90,923 12
Notes on hand.....	\$93,849 75
Open subscriptions.....	11,452 10
Total amount of subscriptions unpaid.....	\$105,346 85
Total amount received and subscribed from all sources.....	196,269 97
From which deduct amount of expenses.....	11,432 38
Net assets.....	<hr/>
	\$184,837 59

These contributions are from the various Conferences, with the exception of \$4,000 set apart last May by the Book

Committee as proceeds of the Publishing House; \$1,000 a bequest of the late Mr. Green T. Dodd, of Atlanta, Ga.; and interest on invested funds and past due notes, amounting to \$5,996.99.

Loans are made from this fund only on improved real estate, 40 per cent. of the appraised value, and secured by first mortgage. As is seen, practically all the funds are loaned, and we are glad to be able to state at an average of more than 6 per cent. per annum.

Will the General Conference permit the Board to suggest in closing that with the coöperation of pastors and presiding elders, and by having access to our stronger churches at opportune times to present the claims of this connectional enterprise, we are confident of gratifying success?

Jordan Stokes, Esq., who at the last session of the General Conference was elected a member of this Board for eight years, resigned, and the Board elected John L. Nolen, Esq., to fill the vacancy. Your Board, therefore, recommends that the said John L. Nolen be elected a member of this Board for the term of four years, to fill out the time for which the said Jordan Stokes was elected.

We further recommend that Rev. B. F. Lipscomb and Rev. Anson West, Mr. W. S. Baker and Mr. D. C. Scales be elected members of this Board for the term of eight years.

In the event that the General Conference increases the number of trustees to ten, we recommend that Rev. J. A. Burrow be elected a member of this Board for the term of eight years, and Mr. Thomas S. Weaver be elected a member of said Board for the term of four years.

ANSON WEST, *President.*

JOHN R. STEWART, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Temperance was read.

C. H. Briggs, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, moved the previous question, and the motion prevailed.

On motion, the report was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE, REPORT NO. 3.

Your Committee on Temperance, having had before it memorials and resolutions, one from the Cherokee District of the Indian Mission Conference, one signed by several members of the St. Louis Conference, one signed by the Presidents and Secretaries of fifty-four Auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Mission Society, and one signed by over five

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ance read.

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tion pre-
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hundred mothers, wives, and daughters of the Holston Conference, praying for proper action on the part of this Conference on the subject of the use of tobacco, beg leave in lieu of all the memorials and resolutions presented to the report as follows:

Whereas, memorials have come from various quarters asking that laws be enacted by this Conference prohibiting the preachers from using tobacco in any form;

And whereas, the legislatures of many states have seen the direful effect of the modern cigarette to the health and morals of our youth, and have enacted laws prohibiting the sale of the cigarette to the youth in said states;

And whereas, thousands of Methodist fathers and mothers are making earnest efforts to save their boys from the dreadful habit of cigarette smoking:

Therefore, be it resolved, That it is the sense of this General Conference that every preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of whatever order, shall place himself unmistakably on the side of the lawmakers and the fathers and mothers of our land in their effort to save our boys from this cigarette habit, so dangerous both to health and morals.

And whereas, on account of this direful effect of the cigarette on our youth, there is a rapidly growing sentiment among all our people against the use of tobacco in all forms, that our young preachers be hereby advised against the use of tobacco in any form.

Respectfully submitted on part of committee:

E. B. CHAPPELL, *Chairman*.

PERRY S. RADER, *Secretary*.

Report No. 13
on Missions
read and
adopted.

Report No. 13 of the Committee on Missions was read.

On motion of O. E. Brown, of the Missouri Conference, the report was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, REPORT NO. 13.

Your committee, having considered memorials concerning a policy for our Western work, recommend concurrence in the following:

1. The Secretary of the Board of Missions to have a list of candidates on file in the Mission Rooms, that he may be able to nominate to the bishop in charge the best qualified men that can be secured when such men are required.

2. The bishop in charge, in conference with the Secretary

of the Board of Missions and Estimate Committee, to have it in his power to nominate certain points for specific appropriation. This appropriation to be conditioned upon the charge becoming self-supporting in four or six years, but when made by the Board of Missions it would not be subject to change save by the action of the Board, as in the case of other specific appropriations.

3. In order to secure the most efficient men, candidates for specific points in the Western work to be accepted on the same basis of efficiency as candidates for missionary work in the foreign field.

4. Concentration upon one or more specific points within the bounds of each Annual Conference and coöperative effort made to strengthen such points by the Conference and Parent Boards of Missions and by the Boards of Church Extension, Education, and the Woman's Home Mission Society. But the foregoing policy shall not apply to the Pacific Conference until the same shall be approved by said Conference.

Respectfully submitted: O. E. BROWN, *Chairman*.
J. W. PERRY, *Secretary*.

Report No. 15 of the Committee on Missions was read.

Report No. 15
on Missions
adopted.

On motion of O. E. Brown, of the Missouri Conference, the report was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, REPORT NO. 15.

The Committee on Missions, to which was referred a memorial from the annual meeting of the Cuba Mission, held in Santa Clara, January 11, 12, 1906, asking a definition of the duties of the Superintendent of the Mission and the powers of an annual meeting, beg leave to recommend the insertion of the following section in the Discipline as Section II., Chapter XI.—Duties of Superintendents of Missions and Powers of Annual Meetings:

1. In a mission not attached to an Annual Conference the Bishop in charge shall have authority to appoint one of the missionaries to be Superintendent of the same, and in case the peculiar conditions of the field require it, more than one Superintendent.

2. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent, in the absence of a Bishop, to take general supervision of the mission with all its interests, and to report the state of the mission and its needs to the Bishop in charge and to the Secretary of the Board of Missions. He shall exercise the functions of a presiding elder, except as his relation to the work

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may be modified by instructions of the Bishop in charge and by his relation to the General Board of Missions.

3. In the absence of a Bishop, it shall be the duty of the Superintendent or one of the superintendents designated by the Bishop, in case there is more than one, to preside at the annual meeting of the mission, and to appoint the missionaries and native preachers to their work for the ensuing year, subject to the approval of the Bishop in charge.

4. All the missionaries under appointment of the Bishop in charge and regularly accepted by and in the employ of the Board of Missions, shall be members of the annual meeting. The body of ordained preachers, native and foreign, who hold membership in an Annual Conference, shall have for administrative purposes, when assembled in annual meeting, the authority to exercise the functions of a District Conference, particularly in reference to the licensing of preachers, the renewal of licenses, and the passage of character of preachers not members of any Annual Conference.

Respectfully submitted:

O. E. BROWN, *Chairman.*

J. W. PERRY, *Secretary,*

Report No. 16
on Missions
adopted.

Report No. 16 of the Committee on Missions was read and, on motion, adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, REPORT NO. 16.

The Committee on Missions has had under consideration that portion of the Episcopal Address which refers to "the adoption on the 15th of March, 1906, in Baltimore, of a basis of union for the two Episcopal Methodisms in Japan, drawn up by the commissioners authorized by the General Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, our representatives on that commission being Bishop A. W. Wilson, Bishop Charles B. Galloway, James Atkins, T. T. Fishburne, and W. R. Lambuth.

While we regret the fact that the representatives of the several other Methodist bodies at work in Japan could not see their way clear to unite their forces with ours at this time, we do sincerely rejoice in the union between two of the Churches which has been made possible, and are profoundly thankful for the brotherly spirit which characterized the sessions of the joint commission. We also note with unalloyed satisfaction the fact that the action of the several joint commissions prior to adjournment left the

way open for a resumption of negotiations whenever it was thought desirable. Your committee would recommend the continuance of the commission representing the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, during the next quadrennium with all the powers hitherto granted.

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Report No. 16
on Missions.

Respectfully submitted: O. E. BROWN, *Chairman*.
J. W. PERRY, *Secretary*.

Report No. 14, item 4, of the Committee on Missions, was read and, on motion, adopted as follows:

Report No. 14,
item 4, on
Missions
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, REPORT NO. 14, ITEM. 4.

Your committee having considered the memorial from the Los Angeles Conference to amend paragraph 355, Article XII., of the Discipline, by inserting at the end of the paragraph, "provided, that in Conferences containing less than three districts the Board may consist of two clerical members from each district, and an equal number of laymen," we recommend nonconcurrence.

(Signed.) O. E. BROWN, *Chairman*.
J. W. PERRY, *Secretary*.

Report No. 14 of the Committee on Itinerancy was read and, on motion, considered item by item.

Report No. 14
on Itineran-
cy consid-
ered.
Items 1, 2, 3
read and
adopted.

Item 1 was read and adopted.

Item 2 was read and adopted.

Item 3 was read and adopted.

On motion the report was adopted as a whole as follows:

Report as a
whole
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY, REPORT NO. 14.

We your Committee on Itinerancy report as follows:

1. We have considered a resolution signed by James Cannon, Jr., and J. C. Reed, and adopted by the Virginia Conference, to make such change in the Discipline as will be necessary to allow the appointment of a traveling preacher to the temperance work upon recommendation of the Annual Conference; also a memorial from the Indian Mission Conference asking that the following change in the Discipline be made:

"After the word 'Conference' in line 1, page 52, paragraph 99, insert the words 'to engage in temperance work, or'; and after the word 'learning' at the end of line 2, same page, insert a comma; so that that part of the paragraph, as amended, may read as follows:

"A bishop may appoint a preacher on trial, or a member of an Annual Conference, to engage in temperance work,

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cy.

or as a student in any of our institutions of learning, when requested to do so by an Annual Conference.' "

We recommend concurrence.

2. We have considered a resolution signed by J. L. Morris, John M. Moore, J. W. Hill, and J. D. Hammond, asking that paragraph 99, Section II., page 51 of the Discipline, be so amended that preachers may be appointed to the secretaryship of the Young Men's Christian Association.

We recommend concurrence, with the amendment that such appointment may be made when requested by an Annual Conference.

3. We have before us and have carefully considered a memorial from the Texas Children's Home and Aid Society, asking that the Discipline be so changed as to give the bishop presiding over an Annual Conference authority to appoint a traveling preacher to the work of that society when organized within the bounds of that Annual Conference.

We recommend concurrence, with this amendment: that paragraph 99, page 51 of the Discipline, be so changed that beginning with line twelve it shall read, "For the American Bible Society, for the Sunday League of America, and any institution having the care of orphan and homeless children."

B. F. LIPSCOMB, *Chairman*.

J. H. MCCOY, *Secretary*.

Motion to fix
time for final
adjourn-
ment fails.

C. H. Briggs, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, moved that the Conference fix the time for final adjournment at 11 o'clock A.M. Monday, May 21. The motion did not prevail.

Report No. 3
on Publish-
ing Interests
considered
item by item.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read and, on motion, considered item by item.

Chappell's
substitute
for item 1.

E. B. Chappell, of the Tennessee Conference, offered as a substitute for item 1 the following amendment:

Change the first resolution so as to make it read thus:

Resolved, 1. That we favor a liberal policy toward the Nashville *Christian Advocate*, to the end that it may be enabled to fulfill its great providential mission, and we recommend to the Book Committee to take under serious consideration the wisdom of setting apart ten thousand dollars per annum for the next quadrennium to secure for the editor such editorial and other assistance as may be necessary to give the Church a strong family newspaper. And we furthermore request the Book Committee to furnish the

means to make a paper which in mechanical and illustrative excellence shall be equal to the best in the country.

(Signed.)

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C. M. Armstrong, of the Baltimore Conference, moved that the substitute be adopted.

Motion to adopt.

James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, moved to amend the substitute by adding the following words: "The same to be placed at the disposal of the editor."

Cannon's amendment.

Bascom Anthony, of the South Georgia Conference, moved that both substitute and amendment be laid on the table, and the motion did not prevail.

Motion to lay both on table lost.

The vote being taken on the amendment offered by James Cannon, Jr., it did not prevail.

Cannon's amendment rejected.

The substitute was adopted, 111 votes being cast in the affirmative and 49 in the negative.

Chappell's substitute adopted.

Item 2 was read and adopted.

Item 2 adopted.

On motion, the report was adopted as a whole as follows:

Report as a whole adopted.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS, REPORT NO. 3.

Your Committee on Publishing Interests has had before it a paper, signed by James Cannon, Jr., W. W. Smith, and others, concerning the improvement and the circulation of the *Nashville Christian Advocate*; also a memorial from the Methodist Preachers' Meeting of Nashville, Tenn., on the improvement of the *Christian Advocate*. Your committee recommends the following for adoption:

Resolved, 1. That we favor a liberal policy toward the *Nashville Christian Advocate*, to the end that it may be enabled to fulfill its great providential mission, and we recommend to the Book Committee to take under serious consideration the wisdom of setting apart ten thousand dollars per annum for the next quadrennium to secure for the editor such editorial and other assistance as may be necessary to give the Church a strong family newspaper. And we furthermore request the Book Committee to furnish the means to make a paper which in mechanical and illustrative excellence shall be equal to the best in the country.

Resolved, 2. That the Book Agents are hereby requested to make the lowest possible clubbing rates with the publishers of our Conference organs.

Respectfully submitted:

W. B. PALMORE, *Chairman*.

E. B. CHAPPELL, *Secretary*.

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Papers re-
ferred by
permission.

Adjournment.

George H. Lamar, of the Baltimore Conference, asked permission to refer certain papers to the Committee on Finance. Permission was granted, and the papers were so referred.

J. M. Mason, of the Alabama Conference, moved that the Conference adjourn, and the motion prevailed.

Conference adjourned with the doxology, and the benediction pronounced by Bishop Galloway.

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Devotional
exercises.

SIXTEENTH DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 20, 1906.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 3:30 P.M. for the consecration of bishops.

Bishop Granbery read the Collect.

Bishop Wilson read hymn No. 631,

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Doth his successive journeys run,

which was sung by the Conference.

R. H. Mahon, of the Memphis Conference, led the Conference in prayer.

Bishop Candler read the Epistle.

Bishop Duncan read the Gospel.

Bishop Hoss announced hymn No. 180.

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall,

which was sung by the Conference.

Bishop Wilson preached the sermon from 1 Corinthians xv. 25.

Sermon by
Bishop
Wilson.

Jno. J. Tigert was presented by Gross Alexander, of the Louisville Conference, and W. F. Taylor, of the Kentucky Conference.

Presentation
and conse-
cration of
Bishops.

Seth Ward was presented by W. R. Lambuth, of the Tennessee Conference, and S. R. Hay, of the Texas Conference.

James Atkins was presented by J. H. Weaver, of the Western North Carolina Conference, and E. B. Chappell, of the Tennessee Conference.

Bishop Hendrix moved the congregation to prayer, and led in the prayer prescribed.

Bishop Key addressed the bishops-elect, asking the Disciplinary questions.

Bishop Galloway moved the congregation to secret prayer, led in the recitation of the

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Veni, Creator, Spiritus,

and offered the prayer following.

Bishop Smith led in the imposition of hands, being joined by all the bishops present, and in each case by the presenting elders.

Bishop Wilson delivered the Bible.

Bishop Hoss offered the concluding prayer, the doxology was sung, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Fitzgerald.

Adjournment.

SEVENTEENTH DAY, MONDAY, MAY 21, 1906.

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meets.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A.M., Bishop Galloway in the chair.

Religious service, consisting of the reading of Psalm cxx., singing hymn No. 417,

Religious
service.

Teach me, my God and King,
In all things thee to see,

and prayer, was conducted by J. C. Reed, of the Virginia Conference.

The minutes of the Saturday morning and afternoon sessions, and of the Sunday afternoon session, were read and approved.

Minutes
approved.

Bishop Hendrix took the chair.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Bishop Hendrix
presides.
Meeting of
next General
Conference.

Resolved, That the first Wednesday in May, 1910, 9 A.M., be set as the time for the meeting of the next General Conference.

JOHN H. McLEAN,
J. L. MOORE.

W. F. McMurry, of the St. Louis Conference, presented to Bishop Hendrix a gavel made of wood from the first Methodist Church built west of the Mississippi River.

Gavel presented
to Bishop
Hendrix.

To the presentation Bishop Hendrix happily responded.

Bascom Anthony, of the South Georgia Conference, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Assigning
members of
committees
for next
Conference.

Resolved, That the delegates to the General Conference of 1910, when elected, are requested to meet and make

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assignment of members to the various committees now ordered by this body, subject, however, to revision; and the assignment thus made shall be published in our connectional organ.

BASCOM ANTHONY,
C. H. BRIGGS.

Call of
standing
committees.

The roll of standing committees was called.

Report No. 8 of the Committee on Episcopacy was presented.

Report No. 8
on Episcopacy
adopted.

On motion, the rule was suspended, the report put upon its passage and adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY, REPORT NO. 8.

Your Committee on Episcopacy having considered a paper referred to them, which is in relation to the footnotes to the Bishops' Decisions contained in the Discipline, paragraphs 594 and 608, recommend that paragraph 269, page 113 of the Discipline, be so amended as to read as follows:

"If the committee, after hearing the testimony offered by both the accuser and the accused, judge a trial necessary, they shall, etc.

This will unmistakably secure to the accused, in such an investigation, the right to produce testimony.

Respectfully submitted:

PAUL WHITEHEAD, *Chairman.*
W. L. NELMS, *Secretary.*

Report No. 6
on Church
Extension
put upon its
passage.
Motion to
amend.

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Church Extension was presented and read, and, on motion, the rules were suspended and the report put upon its passage.

A. J. Lamar, of the Alabama Conference, moved to amend the report by substituting the name of S. M. Hosmer for that of H. Trawick.

Pending question ordered.

On motion of J. A. Anderson, of the Arkansas Conference, the pending question was ordered.

Amendment fails.

The vote being taken upon the amendment, it did not prevail.

Items 1 and 2
adopted.

Item 1 of the report was adopted.

Item 2 of the report was adopted.

Report as a
whole
adopted.

On motion, the report was adopted as a whole, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION, REPORT NO. 6.

1. Your Committee on Church Extension respectfully nominate the following officers and managers of the Board of Church Extension for the ensuing quadrennium: T. L.

Jefferson, President; John L. Wheat, Vice President; John Ouerbacker, Treasurer; Managers—R. B. Gilbert, Louisville Conference; L. H. Tapp, Louisville Conference; T. S. Garrison, Texas Conference; T. W. Lewis, North Mississippi Conference; J. M. Henry, Louisiana Conference; J. E. Godbey, Little Rock Conference; N. B. Henry, St. Louis Conference; N. L. Linebaugh, Indian Mission Conference; Henry Trawick, Alabama Conference; M. J. Cofer, North Georgia Conference; W. J. Young, Virginia Conference; W. J. Johnson, West Texas Conference; John C. Strother, Louisville Conference.

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2. We have had under consideration the quadrennial report of the Board of Church Extension, and note with pleasure the steady growth that has come to this branch of the Church work, and the great good that has been accomplished thereby during the quadrennium just passed.

We respectfully recommend that the General Conference urge upon the Board and entire membership of our Church the importance and necessity of hearty and liberal support to this work, especially in the new fields in Cuba, Oklahoma, and Indian Territory, and in the rural districts of the South.

Respectfully submitted:

W. F. MCMURRY, *Chairman.*
THOS. B. KING, *Secretary.*

Bishop Tigert took the chair.

Report No. 11 of the Committee on Finance was read.

On motion of J. L. Wheat, of the Louisville Conference, the rules were suspended and the report put upon its passage.

Bishop Tigert
presides.
Report No. 11
on Finance
read and put
upon its pas-
sage.

George H. Lamar, of the Baltimore Conference, offered a substitute for the report.

Substitute
offered.

The pending question was ordered.

Pending ques-
tion ordered.
Substitute
fails.

The vote being put upon the substitute, it did not prevail.

The report was adopted as follows:

Report
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, REPORT NO. 11.

Your Committee on Finance, having given due consideration to a resolution, signed by George H. Lamar and C. M. Armstrong, asking for a change in paragraph 237 of the Discipline, concerning the apportionment of General Conference assessments among the several districts of an An-

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nual Conference, unanimously recommend nonconcurrence.

Respectfully submitted:

T. S. GARRISON, *Chairman.*

JOHN L. WHEAT, *Acting Secretary.*

All commit-
tees dis-
charged.

A. F. Watkins, of the Mississippi Conference, moved that the several standing and special committees be discharged, with the thanks of the General Conference. The motion prevailed.

Entertain-
ment Com-
mittee for
1910 organ-
ized.

The Committee on General Conference Entertainment for the General Conference of 1910 reported its organization as follows:

Your Committee on General Conference Entertainment has met and organized by the election of R. W. Millsaps as Chairman and B. F. Lipscomb as Secretary.

The committee then adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

R. W. MILLSAPS, *Chairman.*

B. F. LIPSCOMB, *Secretary.*

New Order of
Service to
appear in
Discipline.

R. G. Waterhouse, of the Holston Conference, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Book Editor be authorized to change paragraph 217 of our Discipline, prescribing the order of service, so as to harmonize it with the new order adopted by the Joint Commission.

R. G. WATERHOUSE,

F. B. LONG,

J. W. PERRY.

The resolution was adopted.

Report No. 1
on Sabbath
Observance
put upon its
passage.

James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, moved that Report No. 1 of the Committee on Sabbath Observance be taken out of its order and put upon its passage, and the motion prevailed.

Cannon's
amendment.

James Cannon, Jr., of the Virginia Conference, offered the following amendment:

Resolved, 5. That whereas the Jamestown Exposition, by its appeal to the National Government for aid, has properly become representative of the whole country, we, the representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, hereby petition the Congress of the United States to insert a provision in the appropriation bill providing for the closing of the gates of the Exposition grounds on Sunday; and the Secretary of the Conference is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the President of

the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to the Board of Governors of the Jamestown Exposition Company.

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(Signed.)

JAMES CANNON, JR.,	J. W. GRANDY,
R. H. BENNETT,	T. J. BARHAM,
B. F. LIPSCOMB,	M. F. TALBOTT,
W. J. YOUNG,	W. W. SMITH,
J. C. REED,	P. E. HINES,
R. T. WILSON,	PAUL WHITEHEAD,
E. G. MOSELEY,	R. E. BLACKWELL,

The Virginia Delegation.

E. P. Ryland, of the Los Angeles Conference, moved the previous question.

Previous
question.

The amendment was adopted.

Amendment
carries.
Report as
amended
adopted.

The report as amended was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE, REPORT NO. 1.

Your Committee on Sabbath Observance, to whom were referred a memorial on Sabbath Observance from the Western North Carolina Conference, and papers representing the Sabbath League of America, submits the following report:

We have considered the memorial from the Western North Carolina Conference requesting this "General Conference to give the Church an authoritative deliverance on the subject of the Sabbath, defining definitely the Church's conception of the sanctity of the Sabbath, and the attitude of the Church toward Sabbath observance"; we have also considered the following address of Dr. H. M. Du Bose, commissioner, representing the Sabbath League of America:

"The Sunday League of America stands for the highest ethical ideal of the Sabbath and seeks to accentuate the American interpretation of its sanctity. Its object is to preserve the day of the Decalogue as a season of rest, thus contributing to the mental, religious, and physical upbuilding of all classes of our people.

"A vast majority of the immigrants coming to our shores are from countries where an orderly and worshipful Sabbath is unknown. This infusion of foreign life is fast changing our old-time Sabbath into a lawless holiday, filled with drunkenness, gambling, debilitating sports, destructive of body, mind, and soul. The work of the Sunday League is especially designed to arrest and correct this evil by creating a sentiment in favor of whole-

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some and comprehensive Sunday laws, and of the enforcement of the same when enacted.

"The Sunday League of America has the indorsement and helpful coöperation of multitudes of the most distinguished citizens of the country, including Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, President; Hon. C. W. Fairbanks, Vice President; Hon. Hoke Smith, of Georgia; and Governor John M. Pattison, of Ohio, the latter two of whom are numbered among its officers.

"The work of this League needs and claims the help of every thoughtful American citizen; especially does it make and urge this claim upon the ministers of the Evangelical Churches of America, to whom the American Sunday must look for its protection and perpetuation.

"I respectfully ask in the name of the Sunday League that this address be given a place in your printed proceedings, or that you express such indorsement of the work of the League as may seem to you fitting and wise.

"(Signed.)

H. M. DU BOSE, *Commissioner.*"

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Whereas the Sabbath was instituted by the Creator in the beginning, was embodied in a positive commandment of the Decalogue, and was observed and confirmed by our Lord Jesus Christ; and

Whereas the need for the Sabbath is found to exist in man's entire nature, as declared by Christ, "The Sabbath was made for man"—a need for man's spiritual and moral welfare found in worshiping God and in abstaining from secular pursuits, and a need for man's mental and physical welfare found in the rest from toil one day in seven; and

Whereas the Sabbath is "the bulwark of a vital Christianity, and a vital Christianity is the bulwark of the nation"; and

Whereas the Supreme Court of the United States has distinctly declared that this is a Christian nation, and great jurists, as Webster, Marshall, and Chancellor Kent, have declared that our nation is Christian in its fundamental law, viz., that its institutions are the products of the Christian principle; and

Whereas, accordingly, the Supreme Court of the United States has considered the constitutionality of Sunday legislation, the decision being in favor of Sunday laws; and

Whereas, accordingly, civil enactments have been passed for the institution and protection of the Sabbath, which is

vitality related to the well-being of the individuals and of society, as well as to the security of free institutions; and

Whereas it is claimed that thirty-five per cent. of our population is foreign, and ninety per cent. of these having come to us in recent years are from the lands of the holiday and workday Sunday; and

Whereas many of our American citizens unite with them in violating our Sunday laws in the name of liberty; and

Whereas Sunday labor has increased more than twice as fast as our population with the recent decade, and Sunday amusements are more and more desecrating God's holy day and destroying our civil Sabbath; and

Whereas the influence of the Church is essential to the upholding of the civil law in behalf of the best interests of Church and State; and

Whereas a national interdenominational organization has been duly incorporated under the name of the Sunday League of America "for the purpose of preserving the quiet, thoughtful Sunday in all America, and in the islands under our flag," as is more fully described in the aforesaid address of Dr. H. M. Du Bose, commissioner; and

Whereas our Church is duly represented on the Board of the Sunday League of America by five of our bishops and two others of our able and representative ministers:

Resolved, 1. That we urge all of our people to observe strictly the General Rules of our Church which, in accord with divine law, forbid "the profaning the day of the Lord, either by doing ordinary work therein or by buying or selling."

Resolved, 2. That we, by precept and example, seek to avoid such reading and diversions or other conduct as tend to secularize the mind and heart, whereby one is so far unfitted to receive the benefits of true spiritual service and worship in the home and sanctuary.

To this end we admonish our people to guard against the Sabbath desecration involved in the plea of so-called "works of necessity and mercy" of modern life, including unnecessary Sunday travel, and commend in this connection the example of Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt, who, on their extended tours over this continent, required their cars stopped during the Sabbath for rest and worship. We make this plea also in behalf of the three and a half millions of our toiling citizens who have no Sabbath.

Resolved, 3. That we pledge to the Sunday League of America, and all other legitimate organizations and agencies, our good will and hearty coöperation, in order that

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laws of Sunday observance already existing upon our statute books may be enforced, as well as that needed laws may be enacted, for the suppression of all forms of Sabbath desecration prompted by pleasure and greed, as ball games, bicycle tournaments, horse racing, theaters, boat and railroad excursions, the open saloon, and the buying and selling of anything except in cases of absolute necessity or mercy. We claim our right as American citizens to the privileges and blessings of the American Sabbath, affirming that it is too late a day for us to surrender to aliens and other foes this priceless heritage which we claim in behalf of home and Church and nation.

Resolved, 4. That we urge all our preachers and people to earnestly endeavor, by precept and example, to arrest the widespread tendency to secularize and desecrate the holy Sabbath day, and to secure its reverent observance everywhere.

Resolved, 5. That whereas the Jamestown Exposition, by its appeal to the National Government for aid, has properly become representative of the whole country, we, the representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, hereby petition the Congress of the United States to insert a provision in the appropriation bill providing for the closing of the Exposition grounds on Sunday; and the Secretary of the Conference is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to the Board of Governors of the Jamestown Exposition Company.

S. B. TURRENTINE, *Chairman*,
WILLIS CARLISLE, *Secretary*,
J. W. GRANDY,
JOHN A. ANDERSON,
J. W. HILL,
M. MATSUMOTO.

Report No. 6
on Church
Extension
reconsidered.

W. F. McMurry, of the St. Louis Conference, moved that Report No. 6 of the Committee on Church Extension be reconsidered. The motion prevailed by a vote of 106 for and 21 against.

McMurry's
motion to
amend pre-
vaills.

W. F. McMurry, of the St. Louis Conference, chairman of the Committee on Church Extension, moved that, at the request of W. B. Beauchamp, the name of W. J. Young be substituted for W. B. Beauchamp on the Board of Church Extension. The motion prevailed. The report as amended was adopted.

Report as
amended
adopted.

The following reply to the protest concerning the New Statement of Faith was read as a privileged paper, and, being by the Chair declared proper in language and spirit, the product of a committee appointed to that work by the Conference, was spread upon the Journal, without action:

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REPLY TO THE PAPER ENTITLED "PROTEST
AGAINST THE ACTION OF THE CONFERENCE
ON THE REVISION OF FAITH."

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Your committee appointed to reply to the protest bearing the above caption, beg leave to report as follows:

We have read with sorrow and amazement the paper which professes to be a protest against the action of this Conference on Monday, May 14, authorizing the appointment of a commission looking to a statement of the common faith of world-wide Methodism.

1. This paper charges in its caption and in its first paragraph that this Conference has taken affirmative action on the "revision of faith" and the "revision of our Articles of Faith." We respectfully reply that this charge utterly misunderstands and misrepresents the action of the Conference and the purpose of the movers of the original paper. It has at no time been suggested by any representative of the majority that there should be, or that there was needed, a revision of the faith of Methodism. The Conference only authorized the appointment of a commission, who shall invite other branches of our great Church to unite with us in the preparation of an adequate statement of our common faith as the followers of John Wesley. And the charge, found later in the paper, that in this matter "we differ unalterably upon the very foundations of our faith," is either based upon a strange misunderstanding of the position of the majority, or is another exhibition of remarkable inconsistency shown upon the floor of the Conference by certain speakers of the minority who seemed to think that Methodism has no place for a creed, and no identified standards of doctrine.

What the majority desires is a simple statement of the faith always held, and everywhere held, by all loyal Methodists.

2. This protest affirms that the resolution was carried by a majority so small that only a few votes would have changed the result. On the contrary, it was carried by a

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total majority of forty-four; the clerical vote being 83 for and 56 against—a majority of 27; and the lay vote being 68 for and 51 against—a majority of 17. The vote was taken with the usual deliberation and in that manner that has been provided to prevent unwise and partisan action on the part of the Conference, viz., by a separate vote of clergy and laity, and by a recorded vote by yea and nay.

3. This paper charges that this General Conference has been guilty of enacting needless and hasty and radical legislation.

We respectfully reply that there has been no law passed of any kind whatsoever, but a commission appointed with the view of accomplishing a much-needed work in the safest and most conservative manner possible. We declare that the need of this action is proved by the facts brought out upon the Conference floor, viz.: That those connected most closely with our students of theology, with the converts in our mission fields, and with inquirers, young and old, in various pastoral charges, united heartily in the appeal for this action. We sincerely believe that it was widely desired and universally needed.

We further declare that this action was not a *hasty* one on the part of the Conference. On the contrary, the Conference had the resolution on the calendar for two days, and then took it up and considered it for three full days. The minority tried twice to dispose of it hastily by laying it on the table, which the Conference refused to do by an overwhelming vote, thus expressing its desire to consider it fully and carefully. More time was devoted to the consideration of this matter than to the consideration of anything else that has come before this General Conference. Besides all this, its consideration was marked by the very exceptional feature of granting the floor of the Conference to the whole College of Bishops for their unlimited discussion of the question which it is charged was "hasty legislation."

We further declare that this action of the Conference was not a *radical* one "affecting the very foundation of the Church," unless, first, the commission should bring in a statement of new faith and new doctrine rather than, as they have been instructed to do, bring in a new *statement*—a new statement of the faith and doctrine that has been believed in and taught by all Methodists from the beginning; and unless, secondly, each of the Annual Conferences, supported by a two-thirds vote of the General Con-

ference, shall at some future time make the supposed statement of new faith and new doctrine to supplant the faith that we have held from the beginning.

4. Complaint is made in the protest that the movement was kept from the Church and was precipitated upon the Conference—that it should have been in consideration beforehand, and under discussion in the papers for some time in order to prepare the members of the Conference for acting wisely upon it. The protest further complains that what has been done by the Conference will cause widespread discussion about our doctrine in every village and hamlet in the Church during the next quadrennium, thus causing great unrest and doing great harm. To this we reply that the two complaints contradict each other. The first says that there should have been opportunity for free discussion during the preceding quadrennium, while the second complaint deplores the fact that there will be much discussion of the subject during the coming quadrennium. We do not ourselves believe that it will provoke such unrest and discussion as the protest forecasts, but if there shall be discussion, and if it be conducted on the high plane and in the Christian spirit that have characterized the discussion on the floor of the Conference, it will not only not be a calamity as charged in the protest, but will prove a source of intellectual awakening in the Church upon the subject of our faith and doctrine. It will thus result in widespread and permanent good, and prepare the General Conference to consider the new statement carefully at some future session. Many of our people are absolutely indifferent to, and wholly uninterested in, the study of the cardinal doctrines of the Church. The Church will not, therefore, be “confused” by discussion, as is charged in the protest, but clarified and illuminated, especially as our awakened interest in this matter will give every pastor a favorable opportunity to preach afresh on the distinguishing doctrines of Methodism.

5. This protest holds that the introduction of the resolution into the Conference and its passage by the majority is the cause of division in the delegation and in the College of Bishops, and are such that (to use its language) “here we differ unalterably upon the very foundations of our faith.” We think that this statement greatly exaggerates the result of what has taken place. The foundations of our faith are not in any way involved, except that we are seeking to have them clearly stated and firmly believed; but if it be true,

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manifest among the members of this Conference on this subject, it is certainly true that the discussion of this subject has not caused them; it has simply revealed and brought to light differences which already existed. There are no differences on fundamentals among the members of this Conference, at least so far as the discussion of this question on the floor of the Conference has brought them to light.

6. As to the charge made in the protest that the action taken by this Conference will be laid at the doors of our Church schools, that they will be made to suffer for it, we reply that what has been done by this Conference with a large majority vote can come before the Church as the action of this body, and not as the action of those who chanced to originate it and speak for it. To say otherwise is to reflect upon the intelligence of this body. If it is true, as charged in the protest, that this movement emanates from our Church schools, this should not be held as a thing against them, but as something to the credit of their wise foresight and sane leadership, seeing that this Conference by a large majority vote, taken with the utmost deliberation, has passed the resolution that was offered. We do not believe that the endowment and patronage of our Church schools will suffer because of this movement, but that if it has any effect at all it will increase on the part of our intelligent and wealthy laymen the sense of our indebtedness to our Church schools.

7. We regret that we are forced by the protest to take up a personal matter, and to answer the charge of inconsistency made against the first signer of the resolution.

We are compelled to answer that we regard the charge as disingenuous and unfair. The striking out of what these protestants are pleased to call the "strongest expression in the paper" was done before there had been any discussion other than was favorable to the main intent of the paper, and was immediately and cordially consented to by Dr. W. F. Tillett, against whom this charge is brought. Immediately preceding the motion to strike out Dr. Tillett had spoken. His speech was stenographically reported in the *Daily Advocate*, and was easy of access to the protestants. He had said in his address: "I desire to call attention to the fact, first of all, that these resolutions reaffirm our faith in our existing standards and in our Twenty-five Articles of Religion. Let no one, therefore, think for a moment that this is an effort to repudiate, in the slightest degree, the faith of our common Methodism, which

has been a unit from the beginning. It is a call for a new statement, a new expression of old doctrine, not for a repudiation in any sense of that doctrine which has characterized our Church from the beginning."

When we take into consideration this and many other like expressions in the address of Dr. Tillett before the Conference; and when we also remember that the very sentence which the protestants declare was already allowed to be stricken out "in order to carry the report to victory," contained the expression "reaffirming our absolute faith in our Twenty-five Articles of Religion"; and when we note that upon this ground the protest charges inconsistency upon the "author and his supporters" because they "profess undying love and faith" in the Articles of Religion, we are bound to say that the argument is not creditable to its authors, and the charge rebounds upon themselves.

In summing up our reply we protest (1) against the persistent misrepresentation of this movement as one for the "revision of our Articles of Faith," rather than one for a new statement of the faith and doctrine which Methodists have held in common from the beginning. We protest (2) against the charge of needless and hasty legislation as discrediting the intelligence and wisdom of this General Conference. We protest (3) against the charge that the movement is simply one of academic interference with the peace of the Church by insisting that the majority includes many of the strongest missionary leaders of our Church as well as many of the most effective pastors of Southern Methodism.

We would conclude by insisting that our purpose has been, first of all, to unite world-wide Methodism in the fellowship of a common statement of the faith which all Methodists have received from their revered founder. Secondly, to provide an effective means for educating our people in the simple faith and rich heritage of religious truth which are available for us in our early Methodist literature. Thirdly, to procure such a concise and forceful expression of the faith and doctrines of the Methodists as will enable them to take a more triumphant part in the evangelization of the world in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

(Signed.)

C. M. BISHOP,
O. E. BROWN,
J. H. SCRUGGS,
Committee.

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Reply to protest regarding new statement of faith.

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A. R. Farris
resumes his
seat.
Bishop Ward
presides.
Report No. 1
on Federa-
tion read
and adopted.

A. R. Farris, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, resumed his seat and was recognized in place of Z. M. Williams, alternate.

Bishop Ward took the chair.

O. E. Brown, of the Missouri Conference, moved that Report No. 1 of the Committee on Federation be taken from its place on the calendar and put upon its passage.

The report was read and adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON FEDERATION, REPORT NO. 1.

Your Committee on Federation has had under consideration that portion of the Bishops' Address which relates to the Interchurch Conference on Federation, and a communication from the Committee on Correspondence of the Interchurch Conference on Federation, and would recommend the following action:

1. We have heard with profound gratitude to God of the spirit of Christian fellowship and catholic unity which marked the Interchurch Conference on Federation which convened in the City of New York, November 15-21, 1905.

2. After carefully considering the proposal to establish a Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, we accord our earnest approval to both the plan and the object of this Federal Council.

3. As under the plan the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is entitled to thirty-six members of the Federal Council, we ask the College of Bishops to nominate for our election those who are to represent our Church in the Council, provided that six of our representatives shall be members of our College of Bishops, and also that the remaining membership shall be divided equally between the preachers and the laymen of the Church.

4. We recommend also the plan for the organization of local Councils of Federation, and would ask all of our preachers to give it their careful attention when it shall have been perfected. Should any action in the matter of organizing local councils be necessary before the General Conference of 1910, we authorize the College of Bishops to act for us as may be called for by the plan of the Federal Council.

COLLINS DENNY, *Chairman.*

JOHN R. NELSON, *Secretary.*

Bishop Candler, in behalf of the College of Bishops, presented the following nominations of representatives of our Church in the Federal Council of the Interde-

nominal Council of Federation, which were confirmed by the Conference:

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In obedience to the action of the General Conference concerning the composition of the representation of our Church in the Federal Council of the Interdenominational Conference of Federation, the Bishops respectfully submit the following nominations:

Nomination
of represent-
atives in
the Federal
Council con-
firmed.

Bishops.—A. W. Wilson, Baltimore, Md.; Charles B. Galloway, Jackson, Miss.; John J. Tigert, Spring Hill, Tenn.; E. R. Hendrix, Kansas City, Mo.; E. E. Hoss, Monteagle, Tenn.; Seth Ward, Nashville, Tenn.

Clerical Members.—J. S. Frazer, D.D., Alabama Conference; F. H. S. Johnston, Arkansas Conference; S. D. Long, Holston Conference; N. L. Linebaugh, Indian Mission Conference; W. F. Taylor, D.D., Kentucky Conference; F. N. Parker, D.D., Louisiana Conference; H. M. Du Bose, D.D., Mississippi Conference; S. P. Cresap, Missouri Conference; J. D. Simpson, North Alabama Conference; T. N. Ivey, D.D., North Carolina Conference; W. B. Murrah, D.D., North Mississippi Conference; G. C. Rankin, D.D., North Texas Conference; W. C. Lovett, D.D., South Georgia Conference; E. B. Chappell, D.D., Tennessee Conference; G. B. Winton, D.D., Mexican Border Mission Conference.

Lay Members.—A. B. Pugh, Washington, D. C.; C. W. White, Citra, Fla.; C. C. Henderson, Arkadelphia, Ark.; John L. Wheat, Louisville, Ky.; T. B. King, Memphis, Tenn.; George M. Napier, Monroe, Ga.; W. Erskine Williams, Fort Worth, Tex.; H. N. Snyder, Spartanburg, S. C.; J. W. Vaughan, St. Louis, Mo.; L. L. Jester, Tyler, Tex.; W. W. Smith, Lynchburg, Va.; J. E. Pritchett, San Marcos, Tex.; J. L. Nelson, Lenoir, N. C.; Levin Smith, Parkersburg, W. Va.

B. F. Lipscomb, of the Virginia Conference, moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at three o'clock this afternoon. The motion prevailed.

Conference to
meet in
afternoon.

E. B. Chappell, of the Tennessee Conference, presented resolutions of thanks.

Resolutions of
thanks pre-
sented and
recommitted.

A. F. Watkins, of the Mississippi Conference, moved that the resolutions be recommitted to the signers for perfecting, and the motion prevailed.

J. A. Burrow, of the Holston Conference, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Rewarding
the pages.

In accord with the precedent of four years ago,

Resolved, That our Publishing Agents be directed to fur-

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nish each of our efficient pages with a neat copy of the Holy Scriptures, suitably inscribed, and that the thanks of this body be heartily given said pages, together with a freewill offering.

(Signed.)

J. A. BURROW,
E. O. WATSON.

Report No. 4
on Epworth
League
taken up.
Motion to
amend.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Epworth League was taken from the calendar.

J. M. Barcus, of the Northwest Texas Conference, moved that the report be amended by substituting the name of J. W. Newman for that of A. F. Watkins, on the Epworth League Board.

Amendment
accepted,
and report
as amended
adopted.

J. M. Barcus, chairman of the Committee on Epworth League, announced that the amendment was acceptable to the committee, and, on motion, the report was adopted as amended, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON EPWORTH LEAGUE, REPORT NO. 4.

Your committee respectfully nominate the following for membership on the General Epworth League Board for the ensuing quadrennium: President, Bishop W. A. Candler; J. M. Barcus, J. W. Newman, W. T. McClure, T. B. King, E. P. Peabody, J. G. Brown.

(Signed.)

JOHN M. BARCUS, *Chairman.*
S. P. CRESAP, *Secretary.*

Report No. 5
on Church
Extension
adopted.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Church Extension was taken from the calendar and read.

On motion, the report was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION, REPORT NO. 5.

We have had under consideration the quadrennial report of the Board of Insurance created by the General Conference of 1902, to make arrangements for the more general and adequate insurance of our Church property against destruction by fire, etc., and especially recommend:

1. That the Conference approve the action of the said Board, as contained in the report.

2. We recommend that the number of members constituting the Board of Insurance be reduced from eleven to seven.

3. We respectfully nominate the following as members of the Board of Insurance: C. N. Phillips, S. M. Hosmer, T. B. Morton, W. F. Barclay, R. B. Gilbert, Samuel Ouerbacker, R. B. Burdine.

Respectfully submitted:

W. F. McMURRY, *Chairman.*
T. B. KING, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF INSURANCE.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South assembled at Birmingham, Ala., May 3, 1906.

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Report of the
Board of
Insurance.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: At the General Conference of 1902 you appointed a Board of Insurance and imposed upon it the duty "to make arrangements for the more general and adequate insurance of our Church property against destruction by fire, lightning, or storms," with authority "either to organize a company for said purpose to be operated under the authority and patronage of the General Conference, or to make arrangements with some existing company whereby the trustees of our Church property may be enabled to secure adequate protection for the same upon terms more favorable than can now be obtained at the established rates of the leading commercial companies.

In compliance with the terms of our instructions, we first took up the question of forming a company of our own; but the difficulties in the way were such that we gave it up as impracticable.

We then made a diligent effort to find a reliable old line stock company or companies that would grant to us the concessions desired, but were unable to do so for the reason that the rates of all such companies appeared to be regulated by what is commonly called the "insurance combine."

Having received favorable accounts of a company organized under authority of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the identical purpose set forth in your commission to us located at Chicago, Ill., we opened correspondence with the same, and received a letter from its officers courteously inviting us to examine the plans, management, and condition of the company. This we did, sending a committee of four members, two of them experienced in the insurance business.

From the report of this committee, based upon their investigation in the office at Chicago and elsewhere, your Board became convinced:

1. That the management of the National Mutual Church Insurance Company was in the hands of strong, conservative, and successful Methodist business men of high character.

2. That the plan upon which the business of the company is conducted, prescribed by the laws of the state of Illinois, is conservative and safe, and should enable the company to meet all obligations assumed by it.

3. That wide separation of its risks on account of their being limited to Church property, practically exempts it from the greatest danger which menaces companies doing a

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general business, to wit: conflagrations in commercial centers, where large numbers of risks are exposed to destruction by the same fire. The great fire of Chicago bankrupted scores of insurance companies, but we are informed that only two Methodist churches were burned. In the great fire of Baltimore no Methodist house of worship suffered, while in the recent unexampled conflagration in San Francisco only one of the eight churches insured by the Church Insurance Company was burned, entailing a loss of only \$2,500 on the company.

4. That the cost is less than sixty per cent. of the rates offered upon like easy annual payments by the stock companies.

Having reached these conclusions, your Board felt that it had found a company which came strictly within the terms described in the action of the General Conference by which it was appointed, and proceeded to enter into an arrangement with it whereby the company obligated itself "to extend to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to the trustees of its houses of worship, parsonages, schools, and other property, the same facilities for insuring such property against loss or damage by fire or storm which it now or may hereafter extend to the Methodist Episcopal Church, its trustees, etc., and upon exactly the same terms." Arrangement was also made for representation of our policyholders upon the board of directors of the company in proportion to the amount of business furnished by them.

We are pleased to report that after four years of experience with the company we have no occasion to modify any of the conclusions first arrived at. It has disappointed none of our expectations, and so far as we are advised has faithfully met all its obligations to our people. It has sustained in our Church about fifty losses, aggregating the sum of \$32,000, and has paid them all promptly according to contract.

We are gratified to know that the action of your Board in effecting this arrangement has met the approval in large measure of those in whose behalf it was made. A number of our Annual Conferences have passed resolutions of hearty indorsement, while of the entire amount of fire insurance carried upon our Church property, according to the General Minutes of 1905, nearly one-fifth has been placed in this company.

During the last four years the amount of insurance carried upon our Church property has been increased \$3,500,000, and of this \$2,000,000 has been placed in the Church Mutual. We attribute the increasing interest of our people

in the matter of insuring their churches, and particularly the country churches, to the favorable plan offered by the company, and to the diligence with which it has pressed the matter upon the attention of those concerned.

Having performed to the best of our ability the duty assigned us, and trusting that our action in the premises will merit and receive your approval, we request that we be discharged.

Respectfully submitted for the Board of Insurance of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South:

J. H. KIRKLAND, *President.*

W. F. BARCLAY, *Secretary.*

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Federation was read and, on motion, adopted as follows:

Report No. 3
on Federation
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON FEDERATION, REPORT NO. 3.

The Committee on Federation has had before it the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Commission on Federation between the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Episcopal Church held in Baltimore, Md., April 18, 19, 1906, and also the report of the Commissioners from our Church to this General Conference, and recommend these papers to be published in the Journal of the General Conference for the information of the Church.

When in 1894 our Church took the initiative in requesting Federation with the Methodist Episcopal Church, it was with the hope that through a Joint Commission the friction so hurtful to the Episcopal Methodism of the country might be greatly relieved, that the wasteful expenditure of men and money in the effort to support some failing cause might cease, and that a wiser use might be made of these resources our Lord has committed to our trust. Your committee recognizes the benefit of federation to Methodism, both in what has been accomplished and in the prevention of what might have been but for the work of this Joint Commission. Frankness compels the statement that while there is truly cause for thankfulness to God for the growth of the spirit of fraternity between the two Churches, it is disappointing that this growing spirit has as yet produced so few practical fruits. While each of the General Conferences of the two Churches concerned has taken formal and favorable action on the recommendation of the Joint Commission, no way has yet been found to serve the enforcement of some of the provisions agreed upon by those charged with the execution of these provisions. If Episcopal Methodism in this country be essentially one, as each

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of the General Conferences of the two Churches has solemnly declared, then that unity should be more manifest to our people and to the world by a whole-hearted enforcement of provisions whose purpose it was to preserve this unity. Your committee suggests that the Commissioners of our Church be instructed to continue the effort to secure the enforcement of the agreements already enacted by the General Conferences of the two Churches.

It is greatly to be desired that in such sections of our own country as the Indian Territory, a sphere which fell to our Church under the Plan of Federation adopted by the undivided Church in 1844, and which we have occupied for more than half a century, should be left to our undisturbed occupation.

It is further suggested that while the details may present numerous and great difficulties an effort ought to be made to save the great expenditure of missionary money in those parts of the South where our Church is meeting the needs of the people. With the world open to the Church of God, and the need of unchristianized people so keenly felt by all who love our Lord Jesus Christ, it seems clear that much friction could be relieved and at the same time much good now unattempted could be done were the means now spent in the support of individual churches and Conferences in the South devoted to heathen people. Your committee brings this question specifically to the attention of our Commissioners.

These points are mentioned because your committee, after careful inquiry into the facts, believes that just here much can be done that will promote fraternity that should exist and prevail between two Churches whose glorious history of more than seventy years is the common possession of our beloved Methodism, both North and South. Your committee does not believe that the time has come for the adoption of the recommendation of the Joint Commission as to the interchange of ministers between the two Churches.

The following resolution passed at the last meeting of the Joint Commission is cordially recommended for adoption by this General Conference:

"Resolved, That the growth of the spirit of fraternity and of practical federation between evangelical Churches in many communities, and especially in this country between the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, suggests the advisability of instituting a Federal Council for these two Churches, which without interfering with the autonomy of the respective

Churches, and having no legislative functions, shall yet be invested with advisory powers, in regard to world-wide missions, Christian education, the evangelization of the unchurched masses, and the charitable and brotherly adjustment of all conflicts and misunderstandings that may arise between the different branches of Methodism.

COLLINS DENNY, *Chairman.*

JOHN R. NELSON, *Secretary.*

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Federation was read and adopted as follows:

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Report No. 2
on Federation
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON FEDERATION, REPORT NO. 2.

The Committee on Federation to which was referred a memorial concerning the federation or union of the work being done in Texas among the Germans by the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Evangelical Association, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend in the terms of the memorial that the General Conference now in session shall arrange for the appointment of a commission of five, to meet a similar commission from each of the other Churches mentioned above, and that the joint commission thus raised shall be empowered to formulate such plans for federation as may include coöperative effort in educational work, in the publication of literature, in the training of young men for the ministry, and in the evangelization and occupation of places where Germans are found in numbers and are unreached by any adequate agency now at work.

While it is our conviction that they are not ready for organic union, your committee would respectfully recommend that the commission take under advisement, during the next four years, the question of union of the three German Methodist bodies now at work in Texas and report to the General Conference in 1910.

COLLINS DENNY, *Chairman.*

JOHN R. NELSON, *Secretary.*

Report No. 10 of the Committee on Missions was read and adopted as follows:

Report No. 10
on Missions
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, REPORT NO. 10.

Your committee have carefully considered a memorial from the Woman's Board of Home Missions asking for an amendment of the constitution of the Home Mission Society, paragraph 396, Article III., which now reads, "This Society shall be under the supervision and direction of

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women, known as the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and consisting of a President, two Vice Presidents, a General Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a General Treasurer, and a Corresponding Secretary, or alternate, of each Conference Society," by inserting the words "and an Associate Secretary" after the words "a General Secretary"; so that the article as amended shall read:

"Paragraph 396, Article III. This Society shall be under the supervision and direction of women, known as the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and consisting of a President, two Vice Presidents, a General Secretary and an Associate Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a General Treasurer, and a Corresponding Secretary, or alternate, of each Conference Society."

Also to add as a second item to paragraph 396, Article III., item 2, as follows:

"The President and General Secretary of the Board of Missions and the President and General Secretary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions shall be *ex officio* members of the Woman's Board of Home Missions."

Your committee recommends concurrence.

Respectfully submitted: O. E. BROWN, *Chairman*.

J. W. PERRY, *Secretary*.

Response from
Cumberland
Presbyter-
ian General
Assembly.

The following response was received from the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and on motion of A. F. Watkins, of the Mississippi Conference, it was made a matter of record:

CONVENTION HALL, DECATUR, ILL., May, 21, 1906.

General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Birmingham, Ala.

The General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church heartily reciprocate your kindly greeting, rejoicing to have fellowship with you in the gospel of our Divine Lord.

IRA LANDRITH, *Moderator*.

J. M. HUBBERT, *Stated Clerk*.

Report No. 8
on Publish-
ing Interests
taken up.

Report No. 8 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read.

On motion, the report was taken up item by item.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 1 adopt-
ed.
Previous ques-
tion ordered.

T. T. Fishburne, of the Baltimore Conference, moved the previous question, and the motion prevailed.

Item 2 was adopted.

Item 2 adopt-
ed.

The report was adopted as a whole as follows:

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**COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS, REPORT
NO. 8.**

Report adopted as a whole.

Your Committee on Publishing Interests has received the following resolutions, signed by A. F. Watkins and John M. Barcus:

1. "Whereas the *Epworth Era* has been greatly enlarged and improved during the past quadrennium, and still further improvements are contemplated and have been announced by the Publishing Agents—changes that will make additional editorial help indispensable:

"Be it resolved, That the Discipline be amended by adding to paragraph 448, Chapter XIII., Section IV., the words "and the Editor of the *Epworth Era*," and by striking out in the next to the last line of the paragraph the word "and," inserting a comma in its place, making the whole paragraph read as follows:

"The Book Committee and the Publishing Agents shall have authority by concurrent action, during the intervals of the General Conference, to furnish necessary assistance to the Editor of the *Christian Advocate*, to the Book Editor and Editor of the *Review*, and to the Editor of the *Epworth Era*."

2. "And whereas the secretarial work of the Central Office of the Epworth League has greatly increased with the development and extension of the League, making trained assistance in the department necessary both to conserve what has already been gained and to develop still further the work among young people—a need that has been recognized by action of the previous General Conference in permitting the League Board to employ an Assistant Secretary, and by the said Board in the actual employment of an Assistant Secretary; be it

"Resolved, That paragraph 438, Chapter XIII., Section III., be amended by striking out the period in line eight, inserting a semicolon, and adding the following words: 'and to supplement to the amount of one thousand dollars a year, if necessary, the funds of the Epworth League Board, so as to bring the salary of the Assistant Secretary up to twenty-five hundred dollars per annum.' The paragraph as amended will read as follows:

"Paragraph 438 (6). To pay a salary not to exceed \$3,000 per annum to each of the following officers: The Publishing Agents, the Book Editor and Editor of the *Review*, the Editor of the *Christian Advocate*, the Editor of

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Sunday-school Literature, the General Secretary and Editor of the Epworth League; and to supplement to the amount of one thousand dollars a year, if necessary, the funds of the Epworth League Board, so as to bring the salary of the Assistant Secretary up to twenty-five hundred dollars per annum."

We recommend concurrence.

W. B. PALMORE, *Chairman*.

E. B. CHAPPELL, *Secretary*.

Bishop Atkins
presides.
Report No. 9
on Publish-
ing Interests
adopted.

Bishop Atkins took the chair.

Report No. 9 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read. On motion, the report was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS, REPORT NO. 9.

Your committee has received the following resolution, signed by J. J. N. Kenney and others:

"Whereas, we are informed by the editor of the *Pacific Methodist Advocate* that prices of material and labor have advanced in San Francisco, Cal., since the earthquake, and that for this reason the appropriation heretofore made to said paper will not be sufficient for the next four years; therefore,

"Resolved, That the Publishing Agents be authorized to expend for the *Pacific Methodist Advocate* for the next four years the sum of \$10,000."

We recommend concurrence.

W. B. PALMORE, *Chairman*.

E. B. CHAPPELL, *Secretary*.

Report No. 4
on Publish-
ing Interests
adopted.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read. On motion, the report was adopted as a whole:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS, REPORT NO. 4.

Your Committee on Publishing Interests have carefully considered a paper signed by J. R. Nelson, J. M. Barcus, and others, the paragraph in the Report of the Publishing Agents, and the paragraph in the Report of the Book Committee, concerning the branch house at Dallas. We recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That in keeping with the Episcopal Address, the statements of the Publishing Agents, and the Report of the Book Committee, this General Conference directs the Book Committee to make suitable provision for the branch

house at Dallas, by the time our lease shall expire, either by lease, or purchase, or by buying ground and building thereon in said city of Dallas, Texas, as may seem best to their judgment.

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Your committee has also had before it a memorial from the German Mission Conference, requesting that the General Conference give such directions as shall secure the translation and publication in the German language of the Junior and Standard Catechisms of our Church for the use of the Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues of the German Mission Conference. We have carefully considered the same, and recommend that this request be granted.

(Signed.)

W. B. PALMORE, *Chairman.*

E. B. CHAPPELL, *Secretary.*

Report No. 11 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read.

Report No. 11
on Publishing
Interests
read.
Indefinitely
postponed.

John O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference, moved that the report be indefinitely postponed. The motion prevailed.

Report No. 7 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read.

Report No. 7
on Publishing
Interests
read.
Casteel's
substitute.

B. J. Casteel, of the Missouri Conference, offered a substitute, and resigned the floor to Young J. Allen, of the China Mission Conference.

J. M. Mason, of the Alabama Conference, moved that Dr. Allen's time be indefinitely extended, and the motion prevailed.

Drs. Allen and
Denny
heard.

Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, took the floor, and, on motion of Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, Dr. Denny's time was indefinitely extended.

John O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference, proposed an amendment to the substitute, which was read by the Secretary and accepted by the mover of the substitute.

Proposed
amendment
to substitute
accepted.

T. E. Sharp, of the St. Louis Conference, moved the previous question, and the motion prevailed:

Previous ques-
tion pre-
vails.

Collins Denny, of the Baltimore Conference, raised the point of law that the substitute required the process for constitutional changes in order to adoption.

Denny's point
of order.

The Chair decided that the point was well taken.

W. B. Stubbs, of the South Georgia Conference, entered a protest against the ruling of the Chair.

Chair rules
point well
taken.
Protest
against
Chair's
ruling.

E. W. Alderson, of the North Texas Conference, ap-

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decision.
Chair changes
ruling—Con-
ference to
decide ques-
tion.

On appeal
from de-
cision, Chair
sustained.

Substitute
rejected.

Report
adopted.

pealed from the decision of the Chair, and stated his ground of appeal.

After hearing the argument of Dr. Alderson, the Chair changed the decision, declaring that the Conference should decide the question by a majority vote.

Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, appealed from the decision of the Chair, on the ground that a constitutional question was involved. The Chair was sustained.

The question being put upon the substitute, the amendment of J. O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference, having been accepted by the mover and his second, the substitute did not prevail—58 votes being cast for, and 87 against.

The report was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS, REPORT NO. 7.

Your committee has received from the Book Committee the following memorial:

"The General Conference of 1898 authorized the Book Committee to expend \$50,000 on the Publishing House in China. Nearly the whole sum has been invested in that work by our Church, and an equal amount by the Methodist Episcopal Church. The managers of the House in China for many months have been asking, and in the judgment of of your committee have given strong reasons, for an enlarged building in Shanghai.

"Your Book Committee recommends that the General Conference authorize a further expenditure for building in Shanghai when, in the judgment of the Book Committee, the financial condition of the House shall permit, and when the committee shall be assured that the needs of the business in Shanghai demand it.

"Respectfully submitted by the Book Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

COLLINS DENNY, *Chairman.*

W. C. DIBRELL, *Secretary."*

We recommend concurrence.

W. B. PALMORE, *Chairman.*

E. B. CHAPPELL, *Secretary.*

Resolution out
of order.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, offered a resolution, which was ruled out of order, the subject-matter having already been voted upon adversely by the Conference.

Gross Alexander, of the Louisville Conference, Book Editor, rose to a point of information, and asked to be instructed concerning Appendix IV. of the Discipline.

R. E. Blackwell, of the Virginia Conference, submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That Appendix IV. be left out of the next edition of the Discipline.

Resolved, 2. That the Bishops be requested to prepare a statement on the subject to take its place.

The resolutions were adopted.

The following communication was received from the pages, and, on motion of A. F. Watkins, of the Mississippi Conference, was made a matter of record:

To the General Conference:

Resolved, That we, your pages, do thank you with unspeakable language for your kindness to us.

EDW. NEWELL,

VICTOR MULLEN,

ROLLA MASCEY,

DECKER MCCLUSKEY,

MELVIN SHUMAKER,

ALVIN WHITE.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Boundaries was taken from the calendar and considered item by item.

Item 2 was read and adopted.

Item 3 was read and adopted.

Items 5 and 6 were read and adopted.

The items considered were then adopted as a whole as follows:

COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES, REPORT NO. 3.

Item 2. We, your Committee on Boundaries, have had under consideration the following memorial: "We, the delegates from the Indian Mission Conference, respectfully memorialize your body to grant the Indian Mission Conference permission to change the name of said Conference during the interim of the General Conference."

Your committee recommends concurrence.

Item 3. Your committee has had under consideration a memorial from the Northwest Mexican Mission Conference, as follows:

"Whereas the boundaries between the Mexican Border Mission Conference and the Northwest Mexican Mission Conference are not well defined; and whereas the city of Torreon, in the state of Coahuila, Mexico, which, according to the boundary established by paragraph 508, page 291 of

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Alexander's
point of in-
formation as
to Appendix
IV.
Blackwell's
resolution
adopted.

Pages thank
Conference.

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on Bounda-
ries taken
up.
Items 2, 3, 5, 6
adopted.

The four items
adopted as a
whole.

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the Discipline, is within the limits of the Mexican Border Mission Conference, and could be more conveniently served by the Northwest Mexican Mission Conference, and in point of fact is being thus served; therefore, be it

"Resolved, 1. That paragraph 508, page 291 of the Discipline, be changed to read as follows: 'The Mexican Border Mission Conference shall include the states of Tamaulipas, Nuevo, Leon, and Coahuila, in the Republic of Mexico, excepting the city of Torreon in the state of Coahuila, and all the towns south of it on the Mexican Central Railway within the limits of said state. This Conference shall also include all the Mexican population within the southern border of the United States of America east of a line drawn on the border of the territory of New Mexico, and extending south to the Pecos River; thence southeast with the course of said river to the Rio Grande.'

"Resolved, 2. That paragraph 518, page 294 of the Discipline shall be changed so as to read as follows: 'The Northwest Mexican Mission Conference shall include all of our work in the Republic of Mexico in the states of Chihuahua, Durango, Sonora, Sinaloa, the territory of Baja, California, the city of Torreon in the state of Coahuila, and all the towns on the Mexican Central Railway south of said city within the limits of said state. This Conference shall also include all of the Mexican population within the southwestern border of the United States of America not included in the Mexican Border Conference.'"

Your committee recommend concurrence.

Item 5. We have had before us the resolution signed by the delegates of the New Mexico Conference, asking that said Conference be absorbed.

We recommend nonconcurrence.

Item 6. The following resolution, signed by the delegates of the West Texas Conference, was before us:

"Resolved, That paragraph 528 of the Discipline, defining the boundaries of the West Texas Conference, be changed by striking out the words 'and the town of Midland'; and that paragraph 519 of the Discipline, defining the boundaries of the Northwest Texas Conference, be changed by striking out the words 'to include the town of Midland.'"

Your committee recommend concurrence in this resolution.

(Signed.)

JOHN H. McLEAN, *Chairman.*
J. D. SCOTT, *Secretary.*

The following communication from the Clarksburg District Conference was received and placed on record:

DAVIS, W. VA., May 19, 1906.

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To the Secretary of the General Conference, Birmingham, Ala.

The Clarksburg District Conference, Western Virginia Conference, in session at Davis, W. Va., sends greetings to the General Conference, and prays the Great Head of the Church to give direction and blessing to all the work of your great body.

Greetings
from Clarks-
burg Dis-
trict Confer-
ence.

Ordered by resolution, signed by L. S. Cunningham, M. Peck, and A. E. Odell.

(Signed.)

W. M. GIVEN, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Secretary, the foregoing was spread upon the Journal.

A resolution was presented by A. L. Andrews and J. S. Frazer, of the Alabama Conference, to the effect that the action concerning unordained preachers be suspended for four years. The Chair ruled the resolution out of order.

Resolution
out of order.

At his request, the name of W. S. Lagrone, of the North Mississippi Conference, was allowed to go on the protest against the appointment of the Commission on the New Statement of Faith.

W. S. La-
grone's
name added
to protest.

The doxology was sung, the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Wilson, and Conference adjourned.

Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened pursuant to adjournment at 3 P.M., Bishop Atkins in the chair.

Conference
meets.

Religious service, consisting of singing hymn No. 315,

Religious
service.

Nearer, my God, to thee,

and prayer, was led by W. L. Nelms, of the Northwest Texas Conference.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Minutes
approved.

The Chair recalled his decision upon the resolution offered by A. L. Andrews and J. S. Frazer, of the Alabama Conference.

Chair's de-
cision re-
called.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolution as
to unor-
dained pas-
tors.

Resolved, That the operation of the law allowing unordained pastors to administer the rite of matrimony and to baptize be suspended for four years, or until May, 1910.

J. S. FRAZER,

A. L. ANDREWS.

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Bishop Candler presides.
Resolution not put on passage.
Report No. 7 on Missions adopted.

Bishop Candler took the chair.

It was moved that the resolution be put on its passage out of its order. The motion did not prevail, and the calendar was resumed.

Report No. 7 of the Committee on Missions was read. On motion, the report was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, REPORT NO. 7.

Your Committee on Missions have carefully considered a memorial from the Board of Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, asking that Article VII., paragraph 371 of the Constitution of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, be amended by striking out the last sentence, which reads, "The collections of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall not be used for this school except such funds as may be given for that purpose"; so that the item as amended shall read: "Paragraph 371, Article VII. The Woman's Board shall have authority to establish and maintain a Bible and Training School under its auspices, control, and management for the education of missionaries and other Christian workers."

Your committee recommend concurrence.

Respectfully submitted:

O. E. BROWN, *Chairman.*

J. W. PERRY, *Secretary.*

Report No. 12 on Missions adopted.

Report No. 12 of the Committee on Missions was read. On motion, the report was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, REPORT NO. 12.

Your Committee on Missions, having carefully considered a memorial from the Board of Missions concerning the permanent establishment of the Missionary Training School, recommend concurrence in the following:

"To insert in the Book of Discipline, Chapter XI., Section I., paragraph 364, Article XXI.

"The Board of Missions respectfully memorializes the General Conference to add an Article to Chapter XI., Section I., of the Board of Missions, which shall follow paragraph 363 and be numbered Article XXI., and read as follows:

"Paragraph 364, Article XXI. The Board of Missions shall establish at Nashville, Tenn., in affiliation with the Biblical Department of Vanderbilt University, a Missionary Training School for the purpose of training mission workers for both the home and foreign fields. It shall elect quadrennially on nomination of the Missionary Secretaries a Board of Directors consisting of thirteen members, pro-

vided these shall include two Bishops, the Missionary Secretaries of the Board of Missions, the Corresponding Secretaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and of the Woman's Home Mission Society, at least three members of the Vanderbilt Biblical Faculty, and three laymen; it shall appropriate annually for the maintenance of the school such sums as it may deem necessary; and shall, on the nomination of the Board of Directors, elect annually a superintendent of the school, and take such other steps as may be necessary for its proper management."

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Respectfully submitted: O. E. BROWN, *Chairman.*
J. W. PERRY, *Secretary.*

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Episcopacy was read. On motion, the report was adopted as follows:

Report No. 4
on Episco-
pacy adopt-
ed.

COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY, REPORT NO. 4.

Your Committee on Episcopacy respectfully report that they have considered the complaint of Rev. Pope P. Mann, of the South Carolina Conference, concerning a decision made by Bishop Wilson in that Conference at its session in 1904. The complaint is that the bishop's ruling was incorrect. The remedy of the complainant plainly lay in propounding a written question of law, and upon its answer in writing to have moved his Conference to take an appeal to the College of Bishops. They might have reversed the bishop had they considered his decision erroneous. This General Conference, neither in the whole body nor in this Committee on Episcopacy, has jurisdiction to review such a decision or ruling; and however desirous the complainant may be of a hearing, he has simply come to the wrong tribunal, and his case must be dismissed for that cause.

(Signed.)

PAUL WHITEHEAD, *Chairman.*
W. L. NELMS, *Secretary.*

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Missions was read. On motion, the report was adopted as follows:

Report No. 4
on Missions
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, REPORT NO. 4.

We, your Committee on Missions, having carefully considered a recommendation in the Episcopal Address and a memorial from the Board of Missions concerning missionary education of the young people, unanimously recommend concurrence in the following:

To amend paragraph 346, Article III. of the Constitution of the Board of Missions, by the insertion of the following

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after the words "foreign field" in the sixth line from the end of the paragraph: "And to make provision for the missionary education of the young people through Sunday school, Epworth League, and schools and colleges of the Church."

The entire Article as amended would then read:

"Paragraph 346, Article III. The Board shall have authority to regulate its own proceedings; to appropriate money to defray current expenses; to provide for the support of superannuated missionaries and widows and orphans of missionaries who may not be provided for by any Annual Conference; to select and publish books and other suitable literature for all its mission fields; to build houses of worship, for hospitals, for schools, and for missionaries; to provide funds for the maintenance of the work under its care; to aid in the establishment and support of training schools for native converts and preachers; and to coöperate with other Methodist bodies in the establishment and support of such schools, wherever it may be practicable, in foreign fields; and to make provision for the missionary education of the young people through Sunday school, Epworth League, and schools and colleges of the Church. It shall also publish annually a statement of its transactions, naming the missions supported by it, and the amount appropriated and paid by each, and lay before the General Conference a report of its operations."

Respectfully submitted:

O. E. BROWN, *Chairman.*

J. W. PERRY, *Secretary.*

Supplemental
report on
Missions.

By unanimous consent, O. E. Brown, chairman of the Committee on Missions, was allowed to submit a supplemental report of the Committee on Missions concerning the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions.

Taken out of
order and
adopted.

O. E. Brown, of the St. Louis Conference, moved that the report be taken up out of its order, and the motion prevailed. On motion, the report was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions respectfully requests that paragraph 368, Article IV. of the Discipline, be amended by inserting the word "three" instead of "two" in the second line of the paragraph, and by inserting the word "two" instead of the words "one or more" in the fourth line of the paragraph. They would also amend the Article by inserting after the word "societies," in the first line at the top of page 154, the following words: "The officers and

editors shall be elected quadrennially by the Woman's Board."

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The paragraph as amended would then read as follows:

"Paragraph 368, Article IV. The Woman's Board shall consist of a President, three Vice Presidents, two Corresponding Secretaries, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, the Editor of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, two Managers, and the Corresponding Secretaries, or their alternates, of the Conference Societies. The officers and editor shall be elected quadrennially by the Woman's Board. The Secretaries of the Board of Missions shall be honorary members of the Woman's Board."

It is further requested that paragraph 373, Article IX. of the Discipline, be amended by the insertion of the following after the word "President" in the first line of the paragraph: "of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions shall advance the interest of the Society by travel, correspondence, and all practicable means. It shall be her duty to call and preside over meetings and countersign all orders on the treasury. In her absence one of the Vice Presidents shall preside; and if neither is present, a chairman shall be selected."

The entire paragraph as amended would read as follows:

"Paragraph 373, Article IX. The President of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions shall advance the interest of the Society by travel, correspondence, and all practicable means. It shall be her duty to call and preside over meetings and to countersign all orders on the treasury. In her absence one of the Vice Presidents shall preside; and if neither is present, a chairman shall be elected."

(Signed.)

O. E. BROWN, *Chairman.*

J. W. PERRY, *Secretary.*

Report No. 24 of the Committee on Itinerancy was, on motion, considered out of its order. On motion, the report was adopted as follows:

Report No. 24
on Itineran-
cy adopted.

COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY, REPORT NO. 24.

The Committee on Itinerancy has examined the journals of the following Annual Conferences, and makes report thereon, to wit:

Alabama Conference.—We found this journal to be correct in every respect. It is a model of neatness.

Arkansas Conference.—The journal has been neatly kept. Owing to the destruction of the former record by fire, this one contains the proceedings of the Annual Conference for the quadrennium. Only a few minor errors are noted: carelessness in recording the minutes of 1903 twice;

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also making the same error on the fourth day of the session in 1904; then the minutes were not signed by the bishops presiding or by the secretary.

Baltimore Conference.—This journal is well kept in all respects, except the numbering of the Conferences as 119, 120, 121, and 122, when, according to history, the Conference adhered to the Southern Church in 1866.

Brazil Mission Conference.—This journal is very nicely kept; only a few slight errors. The secretary almost invariably fails to state who was in the chair when the Conference was called to order. In the session of 1902 no entry is made showing that the report of the Board of Missions was adopted by the Conference. It is stated that the session of 1902 was adjourned with the doxology. In the session of 1904 the journal fails to state whether or not the report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals was adopted. At the same session there is no record of a final adjournment. In the journal for 1905 the minutes are marred by pasting between the leaves a sheet of writing paper on which a resolution was written. Again, the journal fails to state that there was a final adjournment.

Columbia Conference.—This journal does not state who called the roll at the thirtieth session of the Conference; the reports of the committees, boards, and statistical secretary are not recorded in the minutes of the twenty-eighth session. With the exception of these errors, the journal has been faithfully kept.

East Columbia Conference.—This journal is very well kept.

Florida Conference.—This journal is somewhat lacking in neatness, and the handwriting is exceedingly trying to the eyes. A serious defect is the omission of the Conference roll from the minutes of every session.

German Mission Conference.—This journal nowhere contains a roll of members; otherwise it is properly kept.

Holston Conference.—This journal is found to be correctly kept.

Illinois Conference.—This journal is in first-class condition, and the work well performed.

Indian Mission Conference.—This journal is very nicely kept; the only error in it is the omission of the bishop's name at the end of the sixtieth or last Conference.

Japan Mission Conference.—This journal is properly kept.

Kentucky Conference.—This journal is very nicely kept, except in the omission of the name of the bishop presiding at some of the sessions, and a few minor errors that need not be mentioned.

Little Rock Conference.—The secretary's name does not appear as signed to the minutes of either 1902, 1903, 1904, or 1905. No mention is made of adjournment. Answer to question 3, "Who are discontinued?" page 16, is placed under question 8: "The name of H. L. Sampson was called, and at his request he was discontinued." The journal is otherwise neatly and correctly kept.

Los Angeles Conference.—In record, page 231, for the session of 1905, answer to question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?" six names are given without designating the Conferences from which they came. The journal is well kept.

Louisiana Conference.—This journal is accurately kept.

Louisville Conference.—This journal has been faithfully kept.

Memphis Conference.—This journal is kept in a very attractive form, and there is no criticism to be made.

Mexican Border Mission Conference.—This journal shows no signature of either president or secretary of the sessions held in San Antonio, Texas, February 5, 1903, and February 1, 1906. The minutes are also left unsigned for January 27, 1904, at Monterey, and for February 2, 1905, at Laredo.

Mississippi Conference.—This journal is faultless.

Missouri Conference.—This journal is highly commended for neatness and accuracy.

New Mexico Conference.—This journal shows a want of neatness, and is minus a roll of membership. On pages 257, 258 the standing committees are mentioned but nothing is said about where to find them or how they are created. Instead of being put in connection with the minutes of the last day, the appointments of the preachers of the fourteenth session appear in the appendix.

North Alabama Conference.—First day, morning session, 1902, page 6, it is stated that the presiding elders made the following report and nominations, while there is nothing to show that they were ever appointed as a committee on nominations. Fourth day, morning session, 1902, page 15, Anson West took the chair, and we infer from the reading of the journal that the bishop took the chair before the close of the session, though the journal does not state it.

North Carolina Conference.—This journal is well kept.

North Georgia Conference.—This journal is faultless.

North Mississippi Conference.—This journal is nicely kept.

North Texas Conference.—This journal is neatly kept.

Northwest Mexican Mission Conference.—[No comment on this journal.]

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Northwest Texas Conference.—This journal is beautifully kept.

Pacific Conference.—This journal contains mistakes in spelling and punctuation. The minutes of the session of 1902 record the appointments of the preachers before the close of the business of the last session, when it should have been the last business transacted. It also states that the memorial session of the Conference for 1904 and 1905 was presided over by A. Odom, but does not state by whose authority he presided. The minutes of the session of 1905 do not contain the names of those present. It also states for the same session that the presiding elders nominated the standing committees, but does not show that they were elected by the Conference. On the fifth day of the session of 1905 it is not stated who called the Conference to order or who presided over it, and at the close the journal shows a considerable amount of business transacted after the appointments had been announced.

South Carolina Conference.—This journal is finely kept.

South Georgia Conference.—This journal is nicely kept.

Southwest Missouri Conference.—This journal is fairly well kept. We note a lack of uniformity in the place of signatures of the president and secretary.

St. Louis Conference.—This journal is marred by paste in two or three instances, and by leaving two pages without writing in the midst of the record, pages 83, 84, session of 1902. In the record for 1905, answer to question 6, the "F" is left out of the name of C. F. Wimberly, page 10; and Sunday announcements for Baptists are erased and left blank, page 37. Otherwise the record is well kept.

Tennessee Conference.—This journal is a model in all respects, the sole ground for criticism being the omission of the Conference Roll from the minutes of the session of 1905.

Texas Conference.—On page 18 of this journal reference is made to the reading of a report on episcopal residence, and nothing is said about where to find it. On page 24, in the minutes of the sixth day's session, question 28 is asked, "What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?" and the word Sunday is left out and school is written twice. On page 30 is asked, "What has been contributed for Missions?" The answer is blank for both foreign and domestic. On page 104, sixty-fourth session, there is no answer to the question on educational statistics. On page 24 we find blank answer to question 35, "What has been contributed for the support of bishops?" On page 239 of the minutes of 1905 the record shows that a committee was appointed to investigate an accusation against the moral character of a

traveling preacher. The report of the committee shows some very peculiar proceedings. Then a few other minor discrepancies were found.

Virginia Conference.—This journal is very nicely kept, and is a model.

West Texas.—This journal is above criticism.

Western Conference.—This journal does not contain the record for 1902. The arrangement of matter might be improved. The president's name is signed by the secretary in 1904 and 1905. The bishop's signature should be placed to the record.

Western North Carolina.—This journal is very nicely kept.

Western Virginia Conference.—In this journal the minutes of the session of 1903 are not signed by the secretary. Frequently after the first day the name of the presiding bishop is omitted. The minutes do not show that any one presided at the afternoon session of September 12, 1904 and 1905. Otherwise the record is well kept.

White River Conference.—This journal is fairly well kept.

The journals of the China Mission and Montana Conferences were not before the committee for examination.

(Signed.)

B. F. LIPSCOMB, *Chairman.*

J. H. MCCOY, *Secretary.*

Report No. 21 of the Committee on Itinerancy was read. On motion, the report was adopted as follows:

Report No. 21
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cy adopted.

COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY, REPORT NO. 21.

Your Committee on Itinerancy have considered a memorial from the Japan Mission Conference, signed by C. B. Moseley, K. Ashida, J. C. C. Newton, T. Foshiada, and J. K. T. Mengies, asking that the same exception in regard to the time limit be extended to the Japanese preachers as that now made in the case of missionaries on foreign stations; and that, in accordance therewith, paragraph 99, Answer 2, of the Discipline be changed by inserting after the words "on foreign stations" the words "Japanese preachers in the Japan Mission Conference," so that that portion of the paragraph shall then read, "Missionaries among the Indians and on foreign stations, Japanese preachers in the Japanese Mission Conference," etc.

We recommend concurrence.

(Signed.)

B. F. LIPSCOMB, *Chairman.*

J. H. MCCOY, *Secretary.*

Item 8 of Report No. 14 of the Committee on Revisals was read. The item, on motion, was adopted as follows:

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COMMITTEE ON REVISALS, REPORT NO. 14, ITEM 8.

Item 8 of Re-
port No. 14
on Revisals
adopted.

We have had before us a paper signed by O. F. Sensabaugh, J. H. McLean, and others, asking that paragraph 323, page 136 of the Discipline, be so changed as to read as follows: "Should he at any future time produce to the Annual Conference a certificate of his restoration by the District Conference, signed by the President and Secretary thereof, his credentials may be restored to him."

We recommend concurrence.

Respectfully submitted:

GROSS ALEXANDER, *Chairman.*

NELSON B. HENRY, *Assistant Secretary.*

Report No. 11
on Itineran-
cy put on
passage.

Report No. 11 of the Committee on Itinerancy was read, and, on motion of J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, the report was divided and put upon its passage item by item.

Item 1 consid-
ered and
adopted.

Item 1 was considered.

S. L. Dobbs, of the North Alabama Conference, moved that the whole report be indefinitely postponed.

H. C. Howard, of the North Alabama Conference, moved the pending question, and the motion prevailed.

The motion to postpone indefinitely did not prevail.

On motion, the previous question was ordered.

Item 1 of the report was adopted.

Item 2 dis-
cussed and
adopted.

Item 2 was read.

J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference, moved to amend the report by striking out item 2.

A. L. Andrews, of the Alabama Conference, moved the previous question, and it was so ordered.

The amendment of J. H. McLean did not prevail.

Item 2 was adopted.

Report as a
whole adopt-
ed.

The report was adopted as a whole as follows:

COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY, REPORT NO. 11.

Your committee has given careful consideration to the following resolutions signed by James Cannon, Jr., and W. J. Young:

"*Resolved*, 1. That the General Conference hereby amends Chapter XI. of the Discipline by the addition of a new paragraph, 364, as follows:

"An Annual Conference Board of Missions may employ suitable persons to conduct missionary work under the direction of the Board subject to the approval of the Annual Conference and the appointment of the bishop, may provide for their support out of the funds under the con-

trol of the Board, and may authorize said persons to hold evangelistic services, to make missionary addresses, and to take collections for the support of the work of the Board at places designated by the Board. In case the Board should desire to employ a traveling preacher for such work, it shall nominate him for the same to the Annual Conference, and, should the Conference so request, the President of the Conference may appoint him to said work.'

"*Resolved*, 2. That paragraph 99 be amended so as to read as follows:

" 'Paragraph 99, Answer 2. To fix the appointments of the preachers in the Annual Conferences: *provided*, he shall not allow any preacher to remain in any circuit or station more than four years successively, except the preachers stationed in Key West, Florida Conference, the connectional officers, the supernumerary and superannuated preachers, missionaries among the Indians and on foreign stations, *or in the employ of the Annual Conference Board of Missions*,' etc.; the rest of the paragraph remaining *unchanged*."

The committee recommends concurrence.

B. F. LIPSCOMB, *Chairman*.

J. H. MCCOY, *Secretary*.

W. F. Taylor, of the Kentucky Conference, offered a resolution for the amendment of paragraph 486 of the Discipline conforming the Apostles' Creed with the Order of Worship, and moved that the resolution be taken up out of its order. The motion prevailed.

C. M. Bishop, of the Missouri Conference, moved that the resolution be referred to the Commission on the Revision of the Ritual.

It was moved to lay the resolution on the table. The motion did not prevail, 53 votes being cast for, and 64 against.

A. L. Andrews, of the Alabama Conference, moved the previous question, and the motion prevailed.

The vote being taken on the motion to refer the resolution to the Commission on the Revision of the Ritual it did not prevail.

The resolution was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the Book Editor, in publishing the new Discipline, shall make the reference to the Church in the Apostles' Creed, in paragraph 486, conform to the statement in the new Order of Worship, and that our official papers

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in their publications shall be kept in harmony with this statement.

(Signed.)

W. F. TAYLOR,

E. G. B. MANN,

W. E. ARNOLD,

R. G. WATERHOUSE.

W. W. BALL,

Report No. 3
on Church
Extension
adopted.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Church Extension was read and, on motion, adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION, REPORT NO. 3.

Your Committee on Church Extension, having had under consideration a memorial from the Cherokee District of the Indian Mission Conference, asking that provision be made for the organization of District Boards of Church Extension, recommends that the prayer of the memorialists be granted, and that a new paragraph be added to the Discipline immediately following paragraph 392, which shall read as follows:

"Paragraph 393, Article XII. A District Board of Church Extension may be organized in any presiding elder's district for the purposes, and subject to the regulations, prescribed in paragraph 392, with power to do and perform such acts in said district as City Board of Church Extension are authorized to do in the cities in which they may be located."

(Signed.)

W. F. McMURRY, *Chairman.*

T. B. KING, *Secretary.*

Report No. 16
on Revisals
amended
and adopted.

Report No. 16 of the Committee on Revisals was read, and a motion was made to adopt.

J. A. Burrow, of the Holston Conference, moved the following amendment:

Change the words "provided it does not conflict with any state law," to read "provided it does not conflict with civil laws."

J. M. Mason, of the Alabama Conference, raised the point of order that no motion to reconsider the subject had been made.

The Chair did not sustain the point of order.

F. P. Culver, of the North Alabama Conference, moved the previous question. The motion prevailed.

The report as amended was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON REVISALS, REPORT NO. 16.

Your Committee on Revisals have carefully considered a paper signed by several members of the North Carolina Conference, and a paper signed by Z. T. Bennett and others,

touching the recent action of this Conference, authorizing unordained preachers in charge to perform the rite of matrimony.

We recommend that after the words "to celebrate the rite of matrimony," in paragraph 120, as recently amended by this Conference, these words be inserted: "provided it does not conflict with civil laws."

The paragraph will then read as follows: "To preach the gospel; to celebrate the rite of matrimony, provided it does not conflict with civil laws; in the absence of an elder or bishop, to administer baptism; and in the absence of the presiding elder or bishop, to control the appointment of all services to be held in the churches in his charge."

Respectfully submitted:

GROSS ALEXANDER, *Chairman.*

NELSON B. HENRY, *Secretary.*

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Finance was, on motion, taken out of its order. The report was read and adopted as follows:

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Report No. 16
on Revisals.

Report No. 6
on Finance
adopted.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, REPORT NO. 6.

Your committee beg leave to report that they have had for consideration before it a resolution, from J. H. McCoy and others, to the following effect: that the General Conference is hereby petitioned to commend to the several Annual Conferences the Morris plan or something similar thereto for the purpose of providing parsonages for superannuated preachers and widows of the deceased preachers of the Church.

Your committee beg leave respectfully to report that after carefully considering said resolution, and since said resolution leaves each of the several Annual Conferences free to adopt either the Morris plan or some other plan of like nature, designed to reach the same result, they recommend concurrence.

T. S. GARRISON, *Chairman.*

GEORGE J. LEFTWICH, *Secretary.*

Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, moved that all reports of standing committees, consisting of recommendations to nonconcur, be adopted.

The Chair ruled that the motion was out of order, as involving more than one proposition.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on the American Bible Society was, on motion of C. H. Briggs, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, taken out of its order.

Motion as to
reports of
standing
committees
ruled out of
order.

Report No. 3
on Bible
Society
adopted.

The report was read and adopted as follows:

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COMMITTEE ON THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY,
REPORT NO. 3.

Your Committee on the American Bible Society respectfully report that Dr. W. I. Haven, Secretary of the American Bible Society, and Rev. George D. French, Field Agent of the same Society, have appeared before us, and have submitted the report of the Society for the ninetieth year of its existence, and other literature setting forth more fully the work of the Society in both home and foreign fields during all these long years of its history. And we recommend that this General Conference express its hearty appreciation of the magnificent work thus accomplished, and especially our sense of obligation for the great assistance rendered all our work in the foreign fields by furnishing the Scriptures translated in the various tongues, practically without cost to us.

We also recommend that the General Conference reaffirm its historic position of fidelity and devotion to the American Bible Society.

Respectfully submitted: C. M. BISHOP, *Chairman*.
Z. T. BENNETT, *Secretary*.

Report No. 6
on Episcopacy
tabled.

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Episcopacy was taken out of its order, on motion.

Motion to take
up Report
on Sunday
Schools
fails.

The report was read and, on motion, laid on the table. E. G. Moseley, of the Virginia Conference, moved that the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools, regarding the election of Assistant Sunday-school Superintendent, be taken up out of its order. The motion did not prevail.

Resolution of
thanks
adopted by
rising vote.

The following resolution of thanks was read and unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we extend our sincere thanks to the pastor and official board of First Church for the use of their building for the sessions of this General Conference; to the pastors and officials of the various churches of the city who have given the use of their buildings for our committees; to the trustees of the Masonic Temple for the use of the temple for both committees and an educational exhibit; to the directors of the Y. M. C. A. for the use of their building; to the Birmingham Athletic Club for the courtesies of their organization; to the various local committees for their faithful and efficient services; to the citizens of Birmingham, and especially to the ladies, for their general hospitality and many delicate courtesies; to the editor and publishers of the *Daily Advocate*, the city press and various

press representatives, for their reports of our proceedings; to the Bell and People's Telephone Companies, the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies, and various railway companies, for special favors; to Mr. M. L. Davidson, also, who has served us as mail distributor; Miss Nellie Hinckle, who has served as a stenographer; Mrs. Ida Bullock and Miss Clara Thompson, who have served us as telegraph operators; Mr. F. F. Putman, who has served at the telephone; and the boys who have served as our pages, for their faithful work and their unfailing politeness; and to our various Secretaries for the fidelity with which they have performed their difficult duties.

(Signed.)

E. B. CHAPPELL, H. B. REAMS,
W. R. LAMBUTH, J. W. IRWIN.

Bishop Wilson took the chair.

A resolution was presented by R. E. Blackwell, of the Virginia Conference.

E. O. Watson, of the South Carolina Conference, moved that the resolution be laid on the table, and the motion prevailed.

W. R. Lambuth, of the Tennessee Conference, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we respectfully request that in the arrangement of the form of the *Daily Advocate* of the General Conference of 1910, and in the editing of same, a calendar containing the items of the preceding day shall appear at the head of the first column of the first page each successive day of the Conference.

(Signed.)

W. R. LAMBUTH,
E. B. CHAPPELL.

E. W. Alderson, of the North Texas Conference, moved that the Conference do now adjourn *sine die*. The motion prevailed.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Bishop Wilson spoke briefly, expressing the appreciation of the College of Bishops of the consideration shown them by the Conference, and of their gratification in the Christian spirit and wisdom that had characterized the proceedings of the Conference throughout, and gave assurance of the continued love for the brethren that was in their hearts, and of their unceasing prayer night and day for the well-being and prosperity of the Church.

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Bishop Wilson
presides.
Blackwell's
resolution
tabled.

Resolution as
to Daily Ad-
vocate
adopted.

Motion to ad-
journ *sine*
die prevails.

Minutes
approved.

Bishop Wil-
son's part-
ing words.

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Closing exer-
cises.

The Chair announced hymn No. 227,

And let our bodies part,
To different climes repair,

T. S. Wade, of the Western Virginia Conference, led the Conference in prayer, the doxology was sung, the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Wilson, and the Conference stood adjourned *sine die*. 5:10 P.M. Monday, May 21, 1906.

Adjournment.

A. F. WATKINS, <i>Secretary</i> .	ALPHEUS W. WILSON,
JOHN M. BAROUS,	JOHN C. GRANBERY,
C. H. BRIGGS,	WILLIAM W. DUNCAN,
JOHN W. HEIDT,	CHARLES B. GALLOWAY,
F. S. PARKER,	EUGENE R. HENDRIX,
E. O. WATSON,	JOSEPH S. KEY,
W. F. LLOYD,	WARREN A. CANDLER,
J. A. BURROW,	HENRY C. MORRISON,
J. M. MASON,	E. EMBREE HOSS,
<i>Assistant Secretaries.</i>	A. COKE SMITH,
	JNO. J. TIGERT,
	SETH WARD,
	JAMES ATKINS.

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FRATERNAL ADDRESSES.

ADDRESS OF REV. YOUNG J. ALLEN, D.D., OF THE CHINA MISSION.

Mr. Chairman, and Brethren and Sisters: I appear before you to-day at the call of the Conference. I do so because I believe the field I represent has enlisted your attention, your hearts, and an interest which this occasion exhibits perhaps at its very best. It has often been my privilege to represent China, and sometimes persons have thought I have been too enthusiastic a champion, in fact, of that great people; and sometimes persons have asked rather sneeringly, I have thought, "What has China done to merit such statements?" or such representations as I was able to make. Now, brethren, I know it is not a question to-day of what China has done; and yet there are some things that China has done that I feel I ought to state to you in this introduction. Among the things China has done is the continuance of that great nation, that great and populous empire, down to our day. She is an ancient as well as a modern people. Her compeers, the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Egyptians, the Grecians, the Romans, have all perished. And all we have of them are fragments from the ruins, a rescued literature in parts—fragments of literature. These ruins and these fragments, in the hands of a new people, an alien people we might say, are all that is left to represent those great peoples. But China has come down to us through all the ages, not depleted in territory, nor depleted in population, a great people inhabiting a great empire. And look at it again—compare the Roman Empire at its very height, and you will find that the Roman Empire had about one hundred and twenty millions of people. Their territory was much smaller than China. China represents four hundred millions and more, according to recent statistics. Their empire, the area of it, is larger by perhaps five times than some of those great empires that we have mentioned. China has conquered all the regions round about. The Cantonese who visit your shore, and whom you know as Chinese, are not Chinese except by conquest and adoption. They have received the civilization of China.

The Chinese people inhabit North China beyond the Yellow River; and all other parts of China have been conquered by them or by peoples representing them. This civilization embraces all Eastern Asia. Their language is understood, not always read, by five hundred millions of people. She has given them language, laws, and literature; and so China to-day stands as the suzerain of all Eastern Asia. Japan, until recently, acknowledged that. And all the other nations that have gotten anything in the way of civilization have gotten it from China. So,

friends, with the magnificent territory which she now has, and with the riches of the resources which abound in that great country, and with the population which supplies, or might supply, labor enough to develop it all, China stands to-day, physically, morally, intellectually, politically, in every way—she stands one of the greatest peoples that has ever come down to us.

But, friends, I do not propose to boast of what China has done. She has done much. The question that concerns us to-day is not that, but another question, and that is, what China stands for. What does China stand for now? That is a question that concerns us and concerns the world, because China to-day is a world question. China at this critical moment stands, so far as the Church is concerned, in the very foremost front of interest. China for Christ means the world for Christ, the fulfillment of the great commission, the consummation of the gospel dispensation. But achievement such as this invites thought and invites effort such as has never been put forth before. Now I want to concentrate your attention for a few moments on the present situation. All the world at present is looking toward China. Diplomatic, commercial, intellectual, and religious interest has concentrated there for many years now; but never to such an intense tensivity as to-day. And I wish briefly to call your attention to the situation; and secondly, to our relation to it. For there is the point: our relation to the present situation in China.

Speaking generally, the situation in China may be described as one of transition and transformation; and the conditions that characterize the movement are those resulting from the conflict, first of ideas, between the old and the new; secondly, between the Chinese and the Manchus, or the government and the people. Now right here I will explain to you—perhaps you all know it, for in these brief notes which I made to prevent too much diffusion, I must take for granted that you are acquainted largely with the history of China and its present political relations and status. China, as you know, then, is governed by Manchu Tartars who conquered the country in 1644, two hundred and sixty-two years ago. It is no secret that a revolution here is used in its broadest sense, not simply as political revolution, though that also is comprised in the word. The revolution which I speak of at present has for its object, first, the restoration of China to the Chinese as against the Manchus. There are many factions that advocate this. And, secondly, the restoration of its integrity and independence, by recovering from foreign governments the concessions made to them, and the ultimate abolition of the extra-territoriality clauses exacted by foreign governments and inserted in their treaties. And also the admission of China into the comity of nations. The whole involves reforms and changes that are radical and far-reaching. The parties to this movement are the enlightened and progressive Chinese on the one hand, and the conservative governing class, comprising the Manchus

and their sympathizers among the Chinese, mostly those who are in offices of trust and emolument. I may explain here that when the Manchus came into China there were factions warring together, and one of these factions invited the Manchus. The Manchus helped to put down the opposing faction, and then turned upon the inviting faction, and in this melee there were Chinese that adhered to the Tartars, and have ever since been regarded as Chinese Tartars. There never has been any great bond of union and sympathy between these two great peoples. But a compromise having been early effected, as a *modus operandi* or *vivendi*, they have managed to get along very well for two hundred and sixty years.

The coming of foreigners was the beginning of a new era in the history of China. The first conflict was for admission and recognition of foreign governments and over their relations with China. The Chinese have never—I mean, of course, now, the Chinese government so-called, the Manchu government—have never recognized any rights. Everybody is subject to the throne and belongs to the sovereign. The foreigner was regarded as an alien, so far outside (and hence called the outside barbarian) that he was not entitled to demand any rights. And of course Chinese conceit and pride recognizing simply privileges, they would grant privileges by petition, but never any rights. And so, of course, war was ultimately inevitable. It came, and resulted in the repeated defeat and humiliation of China. These things have been going on now for sixty years, during which time the people and the government have been gradually getting asunder. The people were always required to keep quiet, were never allowed an utterance on any great state question. They were not allowed to gather together in groups and talk on these subjects. They could not write on them. They had no papers for all these years; but even recently, within the last few years, they have required the people to submit and be quiet, saying that the government would attend to international matters. And so it has gone on for these years, the people being absolutely dominated by their fear of being arrested, because there are always spies listening, and very frequently the opportunity is availed of to blackmail the people. They simply say: "I heard you speaking in a kind of revolutionary way, or seditious way, uttering remarks that are not allowed." And so they are led before some official, and mulcted to the extent of several dollars or hundreds of dollars.

Now, however, a new phase of this question is presented; and it is the people led by the student classes and the younger generation—young China, in fact—that are taking the initiative. These young men have been educated in our schools. Many of them have gone abroad, to Europe, America, Japan. Many of them are officials and official secretaries, and others who have gone abroad and seen the world have come back enlightened. They have received an impulse. They now feel that the time has come for them to speak; and so, led by these

students, the people have arrayed themselves on the one side against the government. Now I do not mean to say that they have broken out into any great revolt, but they have made it known to the throne that they do not intend to submit so abjectly any longer. They credit the Manchu government with their defeat, with humiliation, degradation, poverty, and helplessness at home, and with neglect and indifference in regard to their people abroad. Thus their people go abroad to America and other countries, and they are treated with contempt. They are humiliated. And so now the two features which characterize the situation, revolt against the government and opposition to foreigners, spring from the same source—the desire to recover what a feeble government has lost and the desire for restoration of the authority of the Chinese. “China for the Chinese” is therefore the legitimate watchword for young China. And this affects both the Manchu government and its relation with foreigners. The people also demand, on these accounts, great reforms. Especially do the Chinese demand a share in the government of the country and in its administration. They ask for a limited monarchy, with a parliament and constitution, etc.; and of the foreign governments they demand the restoration of concessions already granted by the Manchus, the withdrawal of extra-territoriality clauses from the treaties, and admission into the comity of nations.

The people also demand the abolition of the ancient government Civil Service. Now you know, friends, that has distinguished China above all the nations—the Chinese Civil Service. It is so admirable that England has adopted it in India; and other nations have partially accepted it. Our own country, I think, has received a suggestion from this source. It has served China for a thousand years, and yet this year, in China, the Empress Dowager, the supreme ruler of China, promulgated a decree ultimately and absolutely abolishing this great system that has characterized Chinese civilization for a thousand years. That is one of the most significant steps that has ever been taken in the country. It is to be followed by demands of the people, because they all demand that they shall have an equal chance, equal rights, in the matter of education. They therefore demand a universal system, somewhat after the American common school system, terminating in the capital at Peking in a great imperial university.

What is more significant still, this change has invited the women to come in and share the privileges of this general education; and so the government has now moved that in the places where these common schools are set up, education for women shall be provided. Here are some points I wish to call your attention to, for I am speaking along great trunk lines to-day, and I have not time for detail. These are fundamental facts I want to bring before the Conference.

You know the great worship of the Chinese is not Buddhism, it is not Taoism, it is not Confucianism, but it is ancestral worship. You may say that ancestral worship belongs to Confucianism—that is to

say, his system of philosophy and politics—and that it is a feature of Confucianism at any rate. It is the great system of China, ancestral worship. Now I want to explain this to some extent, because this also is bound to go, and that fact gives us an advantage that we have never had before. It has come about too in a somewhat unexpected way. Ancestral worship is to provide for the worship of ancestors for three generations back. Now it is provided for by their families having sons and daughters, betrothing them, and consummating the marriage at the proper time, with the expectation of a son. The firstborn son is the high priest of the family, and he offers the rites in all this ancestral worship. You see at once, then, one of the first considerations in view of the peace of ancestors and the peace of posterity, the peace of the community, all depends upon the ancestral performances. Bear that in mind, and you will understand why it is so very difficult to convert these people. If the ancestors be neglected for any cause, whether it be for the want of a son to offer them, or whether it be neglect, calamity comes upon the community. Ancestors become malignant devils; they visit and revenge themselves upon the descendants that have been indifferent, or upon the community, and so the whole community is interested in this ancestral worship being performed. You can see, therefore, how they scrutinize and how they feel somewhat of terror and dread when they hear of a son, especially if it be the firstborn, joining the Church. They beggared their ancestors, and these ancestors will come upon the world with malignancy and revenge; and don't you see what the effect produced in the community is? That is a terrible fact.

Now and then these people, first and foremost, want to provide wives for their sons and husbands for their daughters, and they do this at an early age by betrothal. Now this system also is the origin of polygamy, or bigamy, or concubinage in China. The necessity for a son requires that they take a concubine; and if the concubine have a son, the son passes over to the wife. There can be only one wife. The son passes over to the wife. She adopts it. It is her child, and the real mother disregards it and considers it utterly given over to the first wife. If there are no children in that way, then they adopt a son from a near kinsman, and he changes his name, or comes into the family, and is thus provided for. Now if I had time I could tell you to-day that one of the great standing, irritating, and difficult questions in the palace was that the emperor was put upon the throne by intrigue when he ought not to be there, because he is a collateral and not a regular descendant, and therefore cannot worship the ancestors that preceded him, and the succession is broken, and that has brought calamity on the country.

The point I am coming to is this: filial piety is the great virtue, the first virtue, in the empire. "Shaw way shoo Duk" (Chinese as near as I could get it). Now then, these women—here's where the women's work tells, here's where the education of women tells—these women

come to our schools, they become educated. Young men come to our schools, they also become enlightened; and one of the greatest and most significant revolts to-day in the empire is the revolt of the women against the betrothal system; and the young men, too, revolt against it. So now each in his place declares that they want to know who is to be their partner. And so they are beginning to advertise their ideals. The other day I saw in a Chinese newspaper something like this: A young woman was writing from one of our schools, writing to the daily paper, describing an ideal husband, a husband such as she would like to marry. A young man from one of our colleges replied to the description, and he described a woman he would like for a wife, and the terms were like this: "I want a woman with natural feet. I want her to be able to walk. Second, I want her educated. I want her to be able to speak at least one foreign language, which would be English. I want her to be able to entertain guests, hold receptions, to have knowledge of domestic affairs, and know how to cook." [Applause.]

Now, friends, that's a movement that is very significant and very fundamental. We have not got to the bottom of it yet, however. They say that when they marry they want to set up for themselves, this housekeeping business. Now you know in China—and that is another one of those great things that clog a nation and has kept down and smothered it—they have the joint family system. This joint family system requires that when a son takes a wife, if there are three or five or ten sons, they must all bring them home to the ancestral roof, and they all come under the hand and ban of the mother-in-law. I walked out a few years ago into the countryside from Shanghai, and came upon a village. You know this joint family system creates villages, or at least hamlets, and a number of these hamlets make a considerable village. The families are not numerous (I mean the names of the families), but the progeny is. The name of the family was, in English, Long; it was called the Long Family. I fell into conversation with a middle-aged woman about the family, the Long Family. I asked her about her own family in this joint system. "Yes," she said, "I have a family with sons and grandsons, and yet I am not free from my obligation to my mother-in-law." You see, therefore, how terribly enslaving and fettering is this system.

Now then, friends, I will tell you more about the sequel of this when I come to the second part of my subject. In our schools education is very popular. We have some strong-minded women in those schools. The other day, as we came along from Shanghai, I came by Japan. We stopped at Nagasaki, and one of the ladies returning with me was Miss Nicholson—the literary teacher in our school, of which you all know—who suddenly fell sick and was ordered home, and I brought her with us. Miss Leffert was returning on furlough. Miss Nicholson went on shore at Nagasaki, and visited a large school there. It was under the guidance of the Northern Methodist Mission of Japan, and

comprised altogether, with a few exceptions, young ladies of Japanese families. But she found two of her pupils in that school. She knew they were there, and went to see them. The question was how they got there. They were in our school in Shanghai, and they ran away and went to Japan. Well, that would seem a very unnatural performance, very difficult to explain. But the explanation is this: They had gotten about half through their education, the curriculum, and the time had been set by the horoscope and by the fortune-teller when they should be married, and so they had been sent for by their parents to leave the school and come home and be married. These girls said they could not do that. They wanted to continue their education, and were not desirous after being enlightened to enter upon such an enterprise as going into that joint family. And so they fled away, assisted by their brothers and their friends. There was another who fled to Hong Kong, and two more to Tokyo, in Japan. So there are five pupils from our schools in Shanghai now prosecuting their education and refusing to go home because they decline to accept the terms. They have written home, saying if they would cancel their betrothals and allow them to return and set them free, so that they may choose to be married if they like, and if they don't want to be married they would not be compelled to marry. They said: "If you will do that, we will come back; but if you refuse, we will not come, but leave our bodies in the sea." Now these are the replies.

The women are also demanding to come forth into the streets and see what the show windows have in them. They want to see what is going on in the world. They have been shut up all these ages and never allowed to see or be abroad as other women. They are now demanding to mingle in mixed society, to have the privilege of going to a public meeting, and even of addressing the public meetings if it is a matter that concerns them. For instance, when they meet to discuss foot-binding, these girls and married ladies come and stand in their place and bear testimony to the torture and suffering through which they have gone, and beg that it shall not be perpetuated. Their addresses and their determination have convinced the people, and the men and the women are now taking up and setting free the feet that have already been bound and declaring they will not bind the children. That is a great achievement. Now, just before these things came to pass a liberal father used to disguise his daughter as a boy, put on the son's clothing, or have it specially made for the daughter, and led her forth as his son to the theater and public places, where she could see as a son could see.

And so, dear friends, the time has come now when there is a kind of emancipation in the air. There is an atmosphere that demands liberty and the enfranchisement of women. Well, now, these women also join the young men and others—I say young men, because they are the juniors that are going on, not the elders, who are almost all conserva-

tive. These younger men are demanding that they shall be properly treated, properly respected and honored in their intercourse with foreign peoples. Now it is always the case, and has always been, in China that people who come there as the English have from India, and as other nations from countries that seem to feel that they dominate the earth—they have come there, and because they could not speak the Chinese, because they had nothing in common with the Chinese people, they have treated them exactly as they would treat the sheep and the oxen who are mum and dumb in their presence.

These things have gone on without any expressions except a scowl. It has come now, friends, when that has got to stop, and the sooner, perhaps, the better; and it is because—and I only allude to it here—it is because of this demand that we have to-day in China the boycott. The Chinese have been mistreated here. The gentleman, the scholar, the student, the traveler have come here from China, and by the inspectors of San Francisco and elsewhere they have all been included under the condemnation of being "coolies." That is not proper, and our great nation has sinned against another great nation; and President Roosevelt told me the other day, when we were having an interview on this subject, that it was not his intention that any individual or nation should suffer any indignity or injustice at his hands, or at the hands of the government, while he is President. [Applause.] And so, my friends, I felt that there was an expression from the Chief of this great nation that ought to assure the Chinese that the American people would not, if they knew it, allow such treatment again.

Well, that brought about, as I say, the boycott, and the question is not yet settled, but I think the justice of this great people will settle it honestly and justly. I suggested that because of the difficulty over here—one Chinaman is as another Chinaman—instead of the inspectors being on these shores, the inspection should be removed to China, to the ports of embarkation; and if the officers in China, associated with Chinese, could not determine who is a "coolie" and who is not, and who has a right to come in and who not to come to America, then it could not be done at all. And so I think the matter will be settled possibly by that adjustment.

These are only a few remarks which I make—a brief statement of the situation as comprised in the present movement. I have spoken to indicate the scope and character and how far-reaching its influence and effect are likely to be.

I turn now to the second part of this question—the relation of missions and missionaries to the actual situation in China. I propose to condense the subject as far as I can, and I shall use one word here as explanatory of it all. I know that men, travelers, excursionists, visitors, and military and other men who come over there, pass a verdict on missionary work and missionaries. I know that they very frequently speak slightly, and even contemptuously, of the missionaries;

but, as I conceive, they do so only because they have not understood the gospel and its message to humanity. Now, then, I wish to say that the underlying fact in the movements that are taking place in China to-day, whether they be religious or moral simply, they are the product of missionary influence. [Applause.] The missionary has brought enlightenment to that people; it is the power of the gospel overturning and setting free. It is life. It is truth. These are the things that lift up, that break bonds and enfranchise. The hearts of the Chinese have been enlightened by the gospel. I wish to say here that, as I read it, the gospel is a gospel of power. It is said: "Power belongeth unto God." He is the Almighty. Christ said, when he gave his commission to the disciples: "Unto me all power is given in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore." And he said: "Tarry ye until ye be indued with power from the Holy Ghost." And Paul, after he had made all the circuit of his great campaign and wound up the whole, said: "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God." Well, now, friends, do you suppose we have been over there a hundred years—and next year we celebrate the centennial of Protestant missions in China—are we to suppose that the gospel, a gospel of power, has been over there for no purpose? To no purpose! in vain! Not a bit of it, my friends. So the great point is simply this: it is the gospel addressed to all nations and to all people. The gospel is first and foremost the charter of human rights and human liberties, and this gospel is set for the rise of individuals and the fall of individuals. Reject it and perish. That is the solemn and anxious expression of God's love. Equally so of nations. Accept it and live. Wherever it goes it is bound to set free, because—I feel almost inclined to say that it is impossible to redeem what has not been set free. I am not using that term simply as a political term, but the mind of man, the body of man, has got to be set free in the gospel, and so it is one of the first things. Truth, when it comes, shall make you free.

Now, then, I will say this: I never understood the gospel until I came to China; and, friends, I do not know whether it is possible to see it to its best advantage until you have measured it. I have thought of some way whereby I might illustrate and measure the gospel to your comprehension as I see it in China. I have selected this illustration: I have often passed in sight of Pike's Peak. Pike's Peak, you know, is said to be about fourteen thousand feet high, but it is not fourteen thousand feet high. I take it to be about six thousand or seven thousand feet high as we see it. Why? Because it is on a great plateau or table-land that is itself six thousand or seven thousand feet high. Well, now, how are you going to measure, how are you going to see this Pike's Peak fourteen thousand feet high? You cannot do it. It makes no impression on you. You go by and say, "That is Pike's Peak, and they say it is fourteen thousand feet high"; and the imagination looks up, but it doesn't go and won't go, and so you feel somehow or

other as though you had wings and yet could not fly. You cannot reach up there. It is only about six thousand or seven thousand feet. Now, friends, what is the matter? It is because of this great plateau which swallows it up. Now go on over to Japan, and there you come to the most magnificent mountain scenery, and one object which surpasses any scenery in all the world—and that is the sacred mountain, called Fujiyama. There it stands. There is no plateau. It begins down at the sea level, the waves of the sea lap its very foundation; but it towers and towers and towers until its top literally kisses the sky and is seen one hundred and fifty miles at sea. Captains tell me that sometimes they see it gilded by the sun, and it seems like a great chrysanthemum, away up there in the sky. The chrysanthemum, you know, is a symbol of Japan. There it stands, grand and glorious in its form and shape and coloring. It is generally covered with snow. I saw it the other day as we came along. The Japanese worship it, and wherever you go you cannot take your eyes from it, and you are searching for it as you lose it. So there is a mountain that represents the thing from the bottom to the top, and you see it all. Well, my friends, I take it that these two represent Christianity—the one as you see it over here, and the other as we see it over there. Now why? You were born in this Christian country. You were born upon this table-land. You are all lifted high up. It is all very extensive; and so you walk, as it were, upon the general level of Christian civilization, and you do not know where you came from. Let us go to history. If you want to dig out Pike's Peak, if you want to go dig out its roots and find the water level, the sea level, and then stand back and look at Pike's Peak, it is a glorious object, and it stands for all it says when it says it is fourteen thousand feet high. Now if you want to get at yourselves, and know the towering height of this Christianity on whose base and on whose bosom you rest, let us go back in history and dig ourselves out.

We go back to Europe, to those hordes, those tattooed people who ran about in the woods. Let us go on back, and we come to Rome and the slave market in Rome. There is where our ancestors were found, in the slave market, by Augustine. He looked upon them and they were beautiful, and he felt they were "angels." They could not be "Angles." Now, my dear friends, you know that Machael Angelo picked up a fragment of marble, and some one remonstrated and wanted to know what he was going to do with it. "Oh," said he, "I see the form of an angel in it, and am going to set him free." Now those dear missionary friends in Rome looked upon our ancestors in those beautiful Angle boys, and said, "We must send a missionary to Britain, to England"; and the result is that the British nation received the gospel, and the consequence is that we have it, and we have the obligation conferred upon us. Let us go back and dig ourselves out, friends, and we will see how high up we have already got, and going on we will yet ascend

and scale the heights of Pike's Peak, or, better still, this glorious civilization shall culminate in enlightening the world.

Now, friends, look at Fujiyama that stands there and shows us the depths from which those people have got to be taken. Now then, the gospel comes. It is the gospel of power, and here is a nation that has grown—almost the entire nation, stupendous in its magnitude of population and territory, and yet the gospel stoops down there and says that it has got to raise them all. Christ said: "If I be lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men unto me." And so, my dear friends, that is the mission that we are engaged in; and I never understood it—I never understood the scope and power of the gospel—until I saw the magnitude of the work it is set to do.

There is another way to look at this thing. That is what is getting hold of China. We have to deal not with Buddhism, not with Taoism, but with the great system of Confucius that has got into their literatures and classics under the system of government, in schools and in all these things. Now we turn to Confucianism, and we find that it never has understood man. It never has comprehended man, and man rightly understood is the beginning of your education. The poet was right when he said, "The proper study of mankind is man," or words to that effect. Confucianism has dominated the East, Japan and Korea with China, for many ages. It is a system founded in education in the classics. It is taught and perpetuated in ancestral worship and in the government rights. Now, then, we analyze the Confucian system and find that it is based on these five relations; and they know the study of relationships is a great study. Prince and minister, husband and wife, father and son, elder brother and younger brother, and friend—these constitute the five great relationships known in China. Now Christianity comes along, and it says, Nay. That does not comprehend man at all, because it neglects the upper, higher, spiritual relationship with God. They have no God; it utterly ignores and repudiates God. There is pure ignorance. They have no relationship to God, and, in fact, analyze this if you will for a moment. The absence of any sense of relationship to God leaves them without any religion. They have a saying about heaven. Speaking of heaven it is so and so, and so and so, and so and so. But of a personal God, a Creator and Preserver, they have none. And so when we go there and preach the Father, God, the Creator, and when we refer ourselves to that origin, that we are all sons and daughters created of God, why it is something new to them. Out of this comes the fatherhood that embraces all men. And we are brethren. But there is more than that when we come to nature. Now the Chinese worship nature. They worship visible nature, they worship the elements and forces which they fail to account for. They worship all these. They worship the god of thunder, and they have a regular "goddery," with the whole thing set out in proper form.

Now I want you to get the bearing of this broader system. Our sys-

tem teaches that there are three great primordial relationships—the relation to God, the relation to man, which gives us morality, and our relationship to nature, which gives us lordship and dominion; and all these things are fully set forth in the first chapter of Genesis, as well as also in the eighth Psalm. Now these things come to the Chinaman as a new revelation, or, in other words, as a first-class revelation which they never heard before. They recognize now that China is helpless, that China is poor, that she is simply, as it were, destitute. And you say, Why is this? They cannot explain it. China is absolutely a new country, rich in all the resources of nature. There is enough coal in one province (Shansi) in China, according to experts, American and German, to do the whole world, at its present rate of consumption, for two thousand years; and right adjoining are mountains of iron. It was these diamonds and that iron that made England what it is to-day; and China has got as much iron and coal in one province as England has got scattered through it. Now, what is the matter? Right there in that country and in that place they have got no fuel, and they go to the foot of the mountains and pick up anything they can get to do their cooking with. And right underneath their feet are millions and millions of tons stored away, waiting for them to come and get it. Now, my friends, Christianity comes over their vision as a revelation. It makes them see as they never saw before. They are lifted up with rights, not privileges. They are emancipated, and constituted a manhood. They never had that before. I do not know whether you will accept it or not, but Paul describes China—I do not know whether, if you were to put it as an exegete, you would put it that way or not, and I am not going to insist on it; but I say that Paul describes the actual state of things in China. And it is in the eighth chapter of Romans, nineteenth verse: “For the earnest expectation of the creature”; not actually the iron, and the zinc, and silver, and lead, all those things shut up there by superstition and ignorance so that they dare not touch them—now then, the earnest expectation of these things waits for the manifestation of the sons of God. Why, it is as if Paul said he is waiting for the missionaries to come over there and tell those people what they have got. But that is not all—“For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope.” You see it is not always to be that way. There is hope down there, among those minerals, “because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.” Well, I do not know whose corruption it is. Perhaps it is the Chinese corruption. I think it is. But they are to be delivered into the glorious liberty of the children of God. Now when that Chinese nation becomes a nation of Christians, the great Father above has kept all these stores and all these riches for his children. [Voice, “Amen!”] “For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.” Redemption

draweth nigh. Well, now, when the Chinese begin to understand what Christianity means to them, and understand that it is the redemption of the people, the setting free of the country in its resources, and the giving up to them a country that is for themselves—why, my dear friends, I say it is not a question of what China has done, but it is a question of what China will do.

One thing more, the classics, as I said a while ago—that great system of education—have passed. We have now come into a large place. We have got in China four hundred millions to provide for. They insist now that they must have schools, from the universities down to the lowest grades of the common schools; they must have teachers, they must have books. Don't you see, my dear friends, when this great trunk line begins to operate, all these laterals, all these smaller lines, come into action; and so the whole country by and by will be brought into this great movement. As the classics pass away the Bible has become in a sense a text-book. The Bible is being studied. Our schools are being sought. Our churches are being attended. Colporteurs say that there are more Bibles sold now than in ten years, it may be, before. And why? Because they have broken loose from the moorings of ancient systems and they are beginning to adjust themselves to the coming future.

Now a few more points. The country is beginning to feel patriotic and loyal. They are becoming familiar with such terms, and the Chinese now see something that is worth striving for. Hitherto they had no country. Hitherto they had but little patriotism—none, in fact. I was called upon the other day to address the university out in Peking, and in Tientsin, and I put it to them: "Will you have me lecture in English or in Chinese?" The university said in English, and I lectured in English. But in the middle school the director said: "Lecture in Chinese, because I do not understand English, and I want to know what you say." So I lectured in Chinese, and my subject was "How to Become a Chinese." I said: "You claim four hundred millions, and there is no one of you Chinese. You are provincials. If you get beyond your province, you are an alien. If you go farther south, you go into an unknown country. Your manners and customs and languages are unintelligible. Now why is that? Because, though China embraces a large empire and has one civilization and one literature, the written language is a dead language. It is the Latin of the old country. They have no medium of communication; and the government, the Manchus, have been glad to have this condition continue with a view of keeping them separate and alien and hostile to one another. The government has done this in order to disintegrate the provinces, and to make them more easily subjected." I spoke, therefore, to those classes; and I said: "You are none of you Chinese. What you want to do is to select a language, the Mandarin language, the language of the officials, the original Chinese language, and make it the universal language of the

school; and then you will begin to cultivate a public sentiment. Then you will begin to unify the country." I will tell you, friends, as a fact, in China as in India, the English language is used as the medium of intercourse. If China does not make a language of her own, the English language will come in and unify the Chinese. And so I told those officials: "You cannot get on without doing that if you want to make a China. No one of you is a Chinese now, and your country is a misnomer." Then I said: "Go on a little further, and you want to become cosmopolitan. You want not only to be able to go from province to province in China, but you want to go beyond the world and become a man that is at home in the world. Then learn the English language. Then wherever you go the English language will carry you."

I must skip some points here, but I wish to refer to some that come home to us—one or two points of especial interest to this Conference. I take it, therefore, that one of the first considerations in regard to our relation to China is to understand the Orient better, to understand China better. Why, friends, you have taken the coolies that have come over here and have set them up as a sort of standard by which you judge China. China comprises many classes—as they divide them, four classes—the official or literary class, the agricultural or laborers, the artisan, and the merchant class. But socially they have as many classes as we have. You take these people class by class, and though they may not be so rich and make so much exhibition of what they have, the Chinese dress well and have good houses and furniture, and the women dress as prettily as the ladies over here, and far more expensively in material. And when you come to the middle classes and the lower classes, you can find any time over here classes that are on a par with them. So, take them class for class, I suppose the Chinese are just about as well off as we are here, in the material aspect of things.

Now then, friends, what I want you to do is to get a comprehensive idea of what this mission work means in China. I heard that a woman—and doubtless there are many, for I have often heard of it in other aspects—visited the St. Louis Exposition and saw the Japanese exhibit there of beautiful silks and satins and embroideries; and she returned, saying she would never again contribute her money to people who could do such work as that. And others have said, when you tell them these people are rich and live in good houses and dress well: "Well, I don't send any more money. If my money is to be given to such people, I don't send any more money, for I thought I was giving to people worse off than I am." You see, that is putting the matter altogether on a money basis. I don't know whether I am right in my exposition or not. Christ said he was anointed to preach the gospel to the poor; and when he sent John's disciples back he said, "Tell John that the poor have the gospel preached to them." What does that mean? Some people construe it into a class of people, and point them out and make special provision for that class of people. And what do they do else? Neglect

everybody above them. That is true. In their minds, in their hearts, in their prayers, all the people above that class are neglected. I do not believe Christ meant any such thing. What he said and meant is this: "All the nations known then and down to the time of Christ had neglected the poor, had never provided for them. They were not in their system of thought or in their system of education." What did he mean, therefore? I interpret it that he meant this: "My gospel is a universal gospel; it means every people. God has no respect for persons. It is universal."

And so, my friends, I say the point I wish to emphasize here to-day, or one of the points, is that we ought to understand foreign missions better. Foreign missions, as I understand it, is sending the gospel to the Gentiles; and it has no money basis or standard in it. The destitution spoken of is not eleemosynary destitution. It is a moral destitution. And it is described by Paul in these words: "Having no hope and without God in the world." That is Gentile; and they are the people that we are sent to minister to and to take the gospel to in the Orient. And therefore, friends, I have considered it as much my duty to reach the Emperor of China and his ministers and his officers and the literati and the merchants and the rich men as I have the poor. I try to have Christ's spirit, and to neglect none so far as we can reach them. I believe that we have not done our duty even in our own country to those that are high up in this world's goods. We have given ourselves to a partial gospel. And we ought to broaden it and to take in all men in the sense of Christ.

And then I say, friends, in this connection, you ought to have regard to that high ideal of the foreign mission in preparing and selecting your young men and those who are to go, whether male or female, whether brothers or sisters. They ought to be selected with a regard to the great work they have to do. China is a great country, and it is a populous country; and you take every preacher, traveling and local, and send him over there into some of those provinces, and then we could provide for but a few. It is impossible, therefore. What, then, are we going to do? We are going to select the men and have definite ideas of carrying on this foreign missionary work. And the foreign missionary work does not require many men or many women; it requires fit men and fit women. We are to do a definite work; and when that work is done, then the Chinese will take it up and carry it on. Christ alone came to one world. He sent his twelve disciples to the nations, and under them the work was done. We have received the gospel, and our commission is to take it to the nations. That is foreign missionary work, to deliver that gospel to the nations. And how is it done? We put it into their language. We take the Bible and we translate it. We follow it by an interpreter. We follow it by schools to teach it. We follow it by preparing to disseminate it. We follow it by books and periodicals and such helps as are necessary.

and we send it abroad. I have sat there in my study in Shanghai and hardly gone one hundred miles during many years, and yet the books and periodicals that I have provided have reached the palace in Peking and nearly every province and town in China. And why? Because they are a reading people, because they are an inquiring people. And so, friends, if we will meet the demands, it will not require so many. I have used an illustration—I don't know how it will strike you. I don't mean to insinuate or make reflections on anybody, but it is an illustration that any countryman will understand, and I am sure that any city man will understand it too. "A few Jerseys mean more to a dairy than a whole field of scrubs."

Now, friends, if we will do our duty on these lines, then the natives can be trusted to do the rest. The natives are as liberal as we are; and when this gospel touches and moves their hearts, they will give as freely as we will. There is no doubt about that. The other day some Chinese, not Christian at all, appreciating our university at Foochow, sent us word that if the Church at home would give five thousand dollars, equivalent to nearly ten thousand dollars Mexican, they would match it over there. What do you think of that? These are not Christian men; but they are men that do appreciate our work. And so, you see, in any department these men and women will come to our rescue and we will be able to tell them the gospel which they are capable of transmitting. Well, as I see it, my friends, the amount of it is, going over there in China to-day is the setting free of the first that already exist there but have simply been suppressed. The Chinese nation has been morally and physically and intellectually and religiously suppressed. And now we go over there with this great gospel of ours, which is the power of God, and we are breaking the nation to pieces. And so you may expect the day to come when the Lord shall crown his work—and the crowning day is sure to come.

ADDRESS OF REV. J. W. SPARLING, D.D., OF THE METHODIST
CHURCH OF CANADA.

Honored Brethren: I come to you bearing the fraternal greetings of the Methodist Church in the Dominion of Canada—a Church which holds you in high esteem and has much love for you in the gospel of Jesus Christ, and which has always learned of your success and triumphs with great satisfaction and delight.

I come from the city of Winnipeg, which I may say is no mean city. It has a population of over one hundred thousand, and spent last year the immense sum of over eleven million dollars in the erection of new buildings, and the outlook for the present season is for even a greater amount; though within the memory of some of its citizens the buffalo roamed at will where the city now stands. Where is this city? you ask. It is as near as may be equidistant between the Atlantic and the Pacific

on that great transcontinental highway, the Canadian Pacific, and was called by the Marquis of Lorne, when Governor General of Canada, the "heart city" of the Dominion. Indeed, I might go further and call my city—Winnipeg—the hub of the North American Continent. I know it has been customary on the part of some to call Boston "The Hub," but a more perfect knowledge of geography is changing all that. Were you to place one arm of a compass on Winnipeg and swing the other quite around so as to describe a circle, the circumference of the circle would be found to pass through the western edge of Alaska, a little east of Newfoundland, just south of the North Pole, and through the extreme southern part of Mexico, thus showing Winnipeg to be the pivotal point of the North American Continent.

The development of this city is without a parallel in the history of our Dominion. Indeed, as a matter of fact, it had last year the largest proportional growth of any city in either your country or ours, save Los Angeles. It stands in about the same relation to our West that Chicago does to your West. West of Winnipeg lies what, together with your grain-growing states, may be called, without extravagance of language, the granary of the world. Over ninety million bushels of the best wheat known to man was grown on our western plains last summer. And this was grown on about four million acres of land. Now the Saskatchewan Valley alone contains about two hundred million acres, or about fifty times our total area under wheat last season. You see there is hardly any limit to our possibilities. And the great outside world is just commencing to realize this. Our western country is just being discovered; and though it may not seem very flattering to our vanity, I must say that it is being discovered largely by Americans, who are crossing our borders like an invading army, at the rate of about fifty thousand a year; and let me say in passing, you make very good citizens, and we are glad to have you come and take possession with us of the great Saskatchewan Valley, which will yet mean as much to us as the Mississippi does to you. One of the characteristics of an American is that he knows a good thing when he sees it. We have the good thing, and so you are coming.

We have vast areas of unbroken, virgin soil—open, healthful, productive, just awaiting the coming of man to take possession and develop its marvelous resources. As one said years ago with regard to the West of this country, so may now be said with regard to the West of our country:

I hear the tread of pioneers
Of nations yet to be,
The first low wash of waves, where yet
Shall roll a human sea.

The ends of the earth are to-day meeting on our vast prairies. Hence great, far-reaching problems face us, carrying with them tremendous responsibilities, but, with all, magnificent opportunities.

That is only a part, however, of what I have the honor to represent before you to-night. You have a great inheritance in the United States of America, but we have an equally great in territorial extent in the Dominion of Canada. He would be a bold man who would undertake fully to forecast the future of my country. Your resources are more highly developed, and consequently more thoroughly realized. As has been said, the peopling of the United States was the great event of the nineteenth century. Shall not the peopling of the Dominion of Canada be the great event of the twentieth century? Our country is to-day where yours was one hundred years ago. But is there not a fascination about developing possibilities, yet unrealized potentialities, that is not to be found in actualities? Do we not rejoice more in the spring with its promise of hope, its blossoms, its flowers, its fragrance, than we do in the autumn with its matured and ripened fruits?

Nature has done her very best for Canada. The country is great in the very nobility of its outlines; in the very scale of its geography it is great. Our mountains are high and have a grandeur of scenery unsurpassed in the world, and at the same time are rich in mineral products. Our valleys are broad and fruitful, and so afford a splendid stage for the building up of a great and magnificent people. Rivers—none finer in the world. The mighty St. Lawrence, with its grand tributary, the Ottawa, flowing out in stately majesty to the sea. The rushing Yukon, yours and ours, navigable for almost two thousand miles. The "Noble Red" of the north, with its great confluent, the Assiniboine, draining an area that would constitute an empire in itself. The picturesque Saskatchewan, the Mississippi of the north, running through one of the most fertile valleys that God has given to man to subdue and possess.

Then we have our prairies, far-reaching and magnificent in their all but limitless extent. West of the lakes, those great inland seas, we have a territory that is capable of containing and nurturing tens of millions of people, and nurturing them into strong, vigorous, splendid manhood. No time for indolence and sloth when men have to wrestle with robust climatic conditions. Difficulties—we have them, of course. But what are difficulties for if not to be overcome and in the very overcoming to develop strength and power with which to go forth to new and greater conquests?

If what shone afar so grand
Turn to nothing in thine hand,
On again. The virtue lies
In the struggle, not the prize.

Wrestling with strenuous nature tends mightily to develop a strenuous manhood.

Our magnificent water stretches, which are after all Nature's great highways of commerce, have been or are being rapidly connected with this fertile and healthful country by great trunk lines of railway, ra-

diating from Winnipeg like many-branched vines and throwing out new shoots in all directions year after year, till the whole land is being covered with a network of roads. There are now in the Dominion of Canada over twenty thousand miles of railroads, and there will be constructed in the very near future thousands of miles more. Indeed, as a matter of fact, Canada leads the world to-day in railway mileage in proportion to population, having a mile of road for every two hundred and ninety-one of its population, while you come next, having a mile for every three hundred and seventy-eight of your population.

We have, if one may so say, the material out of which is being rapidly molded and developed a mighty nation. Nation building! Why, the process is going on before our eyes just as it has been going on before yours for the last hundred years.

The rudiments of empire here
Are plastic yet and warm.
The chaos of a mighty world
Is rounding into form.

We are profoundly impressed, however, with the fact that material resources alone will not, cannot make a people truly great; that the life of a nation, like that of an individual, consisteth not in the abundance of things that it possesseth.

What constitutes a State?
Not high-raised battlements and labored mound,
Thick wall and moated gate:
Not these, but men, high-minded men,
Who know their rights, and knowing dare maintain.
These constitute a State.

Not the amassing of money, not the triumphs or glories of art, not the discoveries of science, "but the making of men is the truest sense of the highest civilization."

Hence it is gratifying to be able to say that the type of our civilization is, we think, not inferior to the very best in the world. Our common school system, thanks—mark you—to a Methodist minister, the late Egerton Ryerson, a valiant battler for civil and religious liberty in our earlier days, is one of the best in the civilized world, and affords facilities for the free elementary training of every boy and girl in the land. With us no child need grow up illiterate. We have efficient high schools and collegiate institutes which stand ready, free of charge, to carry forward to matriculation the young people who desire, to enter our colleges and universities. We have normal schools and schools of pedagogy, which are carefully training our teachers, and where most important and valuable work is being done; and then we have our colleges and universities, some of which stand in the very front ranks of the great educational institutions of the North American Continent. In a word, it is not too much to say that our educational system is broad-based and thorough.

The Sabbath day, one of God's greatest gifts to the toiling multitudes of earth, is generally well observed. We have on the whole a quiet Sabbath. The Sunday newspaper has not yet invaded us to any great extent, and we are now seeking legislation to keep pleasure-seekers and the greed of gain within the proper bounds.

The great fundamental principles of British justice, equality and fair play, are the chief corner stones of our constitution, so that we have absolute equality before the law. We are proud of our judiciary. Our judges are appointed, not elected, and on the whole perform their high and important functions in a fair-minded and even-handed manner. Life and property are nowhere safer and more sacredly guarded than under the British flag in the Dominion of Canada.

So far I have spoken only of material, secular, and social matters. Let me now say a word or two more specifically of our common and beloved Methodism. And in this connection it should never be forgotten that Canadian Methodism is the eldest daughter of American Methodism. A little over one hundred years ago your energetic, earnest, and faithful itinerants scattered the good seed in our fruitful soil, from which has come a most blessed and abundant harvest. In those early days we met with such names as Martin Ruter and Nathan Bangs. We also had a visit from that apostolic man, that man who, in the development and spread of Methodism, stands second only to John Wesley himself—Bishop Asbury, who wrote of us Canadians: "Here is a decent, loving people. My soul is much united to them." We trust you have still the same regard for us. That you may see somewhat how matters have gone with us since those early days, let me give you just a few facts and figures from last year's report of our General Conference statistician, Dr. Cornish. In 1805 we had 18 ministers and 3,467 members; in 1905, 2,123 ministers and 305,814 members. Enrolled in our Sunday schools are 321,492 scholars. We have Church property valued at \$18,000,000. In 1805 the country was but sparsely settled, the total population being about 310,000. Our population is now about five and a half millions. All through the century the growth of the Methodist Church has been steady and progressive, until, according to the last census, its numerical position is far in advance of any other Protestant Church in the Dominion, its members and adherents numbering about one million, or rather more than one-sixth of the entire population of the Dominion.

Our Church in Canada is in a sound and healthy condition, and well equipped for forward and aggressive work. We are building good churches, which are filled with earnest and devout worshipers, to whom is preached a warmly evangelistic and strongly ethical gospel. We are not much troubled with heresies and heresy hunters. Our Canadian Methodism is thoroughly Wesleyan, believing in salvation for all sinners, salvation from all sin, and that just now. On the whole our preachers are preaching a gospel bright as the sunlight and generous

as the heart of Christ. They believe that "there's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty"; but still that willful rebellion cannot go unpunished.

Our Book and Publishing House, under the able management of our genial and gifted Dr. Briggs, who is a constant puzzle to those who hold that a man cannot be a good preacher and a capable man of affairs at the same time, is a great business success, and is doing most efficiently the work for which it was founded long years ago. The *Christian Guardian*, at Toronto, and the *Wesleyan*, at Halifax, hold on their way with ever-increasing influence and power. Our Missionary Society, under the splendid leadership of its veteran Secretary, Dr. Sutherland, now completing his thirty-second year in office and at the present moment on a trip inspecting missions in the great empire of Japan, and of his eloquent and affluently endowed associate, Dr. Henderson, had last year by far the largest income yet received in a single year, reaching the noble sum of \$336,000 from circuits, making an average of about \$1.10 per member.

Our Woman's Missionary Society, directed by a high degree of consecrated intelligence and wisdom, is also a most blessed and gracious work both at home and abroad.

Our educational institutions are a most important factor in the working machinery of our Church. At our eleven colleges are registered over three thousand students in arts and theology. It is believed that the age demands the best possible training for the ministry—that the best that the best man can get is not too good for the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We believe that education is the handmaid of religion, and so are most anxious for the moral and religious culture of all our young people as well as for their intellectual training. As Tennyson, the representative spokesman of the Victorian era, with such wisdom says:

Let knowledge grow from more to more,
But more of reverence in us dwell;
That mind and soul according well
May make one music as before:
But vaster.

There are other phases of our work on which I might speak, but there is one movement on foot respecting which I must say a few words—that overshadows and dwarfs all others; I mean the movement for the organic union of the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregational Churches in Canada. This is a big thing, the biggest thing that has come to our Dominion in a century. The confederation of all our provinces under one central government was most important and far-reaching. It was the making of a nation. But the union of these three great historic Churches is even more important and far-reaching, affecting a larger number of people and touching them in

their highest and holiest interests. Let me sketch this movement in brief outline. Three years ago last September our General Conference met in my own city, the city of Winnipeg. At this meeting a resolution was passed unanimously which declared that the Conference would "view with great satisfaction a movement" toward "the ultimate organic union of the Presbyterian, Congregational, and Methodist Churches in Canada."

This resolution was forwarded to the Presbyterian General Assembly which met the following June, and also to the Congregational Union, the highest court of that denomination. These bodies also appointed committees, which in due course met in "the Board Room," Wesley Buildings, Toronto. I had the great good fortune to be present on what I must call that most memorable occasion. No one who was present can ever forget it. It must have been somewhat like the meeting of which the sacred and inspired historian records: "They were all with one accord in one place." The very air seemed tremulous with emotion. The spirit of the Highest seemed to rest upon us, and all were inclined to exclaim with Charles Wesley:

Touched by the loadstone of Thy love
Let all our hearts agree,
And ever toward each other move,
And ever move toward Thee.

After hours of the most earnest face-to-face conversation, during which many important and weighty questions were freely and fully discussed, this joint committee reached unanimously the conclusion that the proposed union was desirable and, they trusted, practicable, and pledged themselves to do all in their power to bring it to a successful issue.

The Presbyterian General Assembly met again in the following June, and, after a long discussion, appointed a still larger and more representative committee, with enlarged powers, to go still more carefully into the whole question. This committee, with enlarged committees from the Methodist and Congregational Churches, met in the lecture room of Knox Church, Toronto, in the following December. This again was a most remarkable and memorable gathering. After many prayers had been offered to the great Head of the Church for divine guidance and illumination, the delegates were asked to speak forth frankly and honestly whatever might be in their hearts to say upon the great points, Doctrine, Church Polity, and the Ministry. You will readily understand, brethren, that it was a solemn, heart-searching time. For hours the conversation went forward in a most frank yet brotherly and sympathetic way. The object was not to see how far we could get apart, but to see how close we could get together and yet not sacrifice principle. The outcome of the whole discussion was this: That we saw, as yet, no insuperable difficulties in the way of the organic union of these three great historic Churches, and that we were prepared to prosecute still further negotiations to that end. And so a committee of

sixteen Methodists, sixteen Presbyterians, and eight Congregationalists—that is, a committee of forty—was appointed on each of the four great subjects, Doctrine, Polity, the Ministry, and Administration, to see if a common basis could be found upon which we could agree to unite. A committee on law was also appointed, that we might avoid, if possible, the difficulties which have caused so much trouble recently in Scotland.

These committees, realizing the importance of the weighty matters committed to their charge, took their duties seriously and went earnestly to work, and in just one year to a day from the date of their appointment reported the result of their labors. It was found that the Committee on Doctrine had wrought most diligently, and had done a vast amount of work, and had a basis quite well outlined in some nineteen articles—an article on each of the following: God, Revelation, the Divine Purpose, Creation and Providence, the Sin of Man, the Grace of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, Faith and Regeneration, Justification and Sonship, Regeneration, Sanctification, the Law of God, the Church, the Sacraments, the Ministry, Church Order and Fellowship, the Resurrection, the Last Judgment and the Future Life, Christian Service and Final Triumph.

Now, brethren, “the significant thing, the unprecedented thing, the marvelously inspiring thing” was this: That these articles of faith were accepted separately by the several contingents of the united committee from each of the various Churches, for recommendation to its own body, without so much as the change of a single word. And it is to be remembered that these were not men who are ready to take a fling at doctrine and say it makes little difference what a man believes. Nay, nay! These were men of conviction, who hold most tenaciously the truth as they understand it, and who would rather die than defile their conscience or sell the truth. Yet these men, “representing three different denominations, different in their origin, in their traditions, and in their credal documents,” meet together in authoritative and deliberate council and find in doctrine, in polity, in institution, or in spirit no insuperable obstacles to organic union.” I fancy this is without a parallel in the history of the Christian Church. And this great fact has impressed many earnest minds with the feeling that this drawing together of the Churches is of God and not of “the Divine finger, the indication of the Divine will.”

On most points of doctrine there was absolute unanimity. On the fundamentals of our holy religion the Protestant world is practically at one to-day. The two articles of faith which perhaps provoked the most discussion in the committee were Nos. VI. and XII.—that is, “Of the Grace of God” and “Sanctification.” Article VI. is as follows:

We believe that God, out of his great love for the world, has given his only begotten Son to be the Saviour of sinners, and in the gospel freely offers his all-sufficient salvation to all men. We believe, also, that God, from the be-

ginning, in his own good pleasure, gave to his Son a people, an innumerable multitude, chosen in Christ unto holiness, service, and salvation.

Should some good Methodist brother with a strong instinct for doctrine be disposed to ask, "Has not the latter part of that article a little too strong a flavor of Calvinism?" my answer is, "Go and read the first nine verses of the first chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, and when you have got through with Paul come back to the committee." I tell you frankly, brethren, I never could expect to see the brother again.

The other article of faith which as I said occasioned considerable discussion is the article on that much misunderstood and so much misrepresented, but withal blessed and glorious, doctrine of Sanctification. This is the article accepted:

We believe that those who are regenerated and justified grow in sanctified character through fellowship with Christ, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and obedience to the truth; that a holy life is the fruit and evidence of saving faith; and that the believer's hope of continuance in such a life is in the preserving grace of God.

And we believe that in this growth in grace Christians may attain to a full assurance of faith, and to that maturity of faith working by love which the Scriptures call the love of God made perfect in us.

Is not that an eminently sane and judicious statement of a great and glorious Christian doctrine? What could the most ardent Methodist desire further?

I might dwell upon other articles, but my time is already gone and I must hasten to a conclusion.

In these articles, as well as in the outline of polity proposed, we believe we have conserved all that is vital and essential in Methodism and have obtained the best things in the two other great historic Churches.

Aside the mist has rolled:

That waster seemed the builder, too;
Uprising from the ruined old
I see the new.

'Twas but the ruin of the bad
The wasting of the wrong and ill.
Whate'er of good the old time had
Is living still.

Does not the very spirit of the times call for greater unity on the part of God's people?

In the face of the great combinations of evil, the solidarity of the liquor traffic, and other vast and intrenched foes, it may be questioned whether these lands can be made clean and wholesome and the priceless day of rest be preserved as it should be preserved, except by a Christianity which can speak and, if need be, act as one. Must not the unity of Christians make itself felt more widely yet, on international relations. Already the solidarity of European socialism is looming up

as a factor in international relations. The working classes of Europe are repudiating ancient national antipathies and declaring that the cause of labor in all lands is one, and war its deadly enemy. Great will be the reproach, if Christians, the true socialists, lag behind any body of men in opposing war, not in the interests of one class, but of all. The day has come for the obliteration of all things that divide and estrange the members of that kingdom in which there is neither Greek nor Jew, barbarian nor Scythian, American nor Briton, but all are one in Christ Jesus. If the Christian Church is to win out in the great struggle that is before it, there must be union of its forces, not division. As the powers of darkness combine, so must the powers of light. "That they all may be one," breathed the supplicating Saviour, united in thought, united in purpose, united in energy. Why the Church of Jesus Christ would go forward fair as the morn, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners. Victory, glorious victory, in bringing this old world back into legal allegiance to God, would be sure to follow.

For do we toil, we shall succeed
 In ours or in another's day,
 And though denied the victor's meed,
 We shall not lack the toiler's pay.

Faith sees the future promise,
 Love's triumph is an offering won,
 And each kind thought or action moves
 The dark world nearer to the sun.

Then faint not, falter not, nor plead
 Thy weakness; truth itself is strong.
 The lion's strength, the eagle's speed
 Is not alone vouchsafed to wrong.

Hast thou not on a week of storm
 Seen the sweet Sabbath breaking fair,
 And cloud or sunlit shadow form
 The curtain of its tent of prayer?

So haply when thy work is done,
 The wrong shall lose itself in right,
 And all the week-day troubles blend
 In the long Sabbath of the light.

ADDRESS OF REV. G. C. RAWLSTON, OF THE COLORED METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF AMERICA.

Mr. President, Bishops, Members of the General Conference now assembled: I come to you bearing the greetings of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church of America. I bring to you the best she has of the bishops and ministry of two hundred thousand members who are working for the moral uplift of fallen humanity and for the glory of God. We rejoice in the high name of God and his Christ that we have kept

the faith once delivered to the saints. Our ministry still preach the doctrines taught by Mr. Wesley and preached to us, preached by the pioneers of Methodism so effectually to the pulling down of the strongholds of sin and Satan and establishing upon the ruins thereof holiness to our God. This doctrine is still a ruling force, a guiding star in the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church of America. We believe too in justification and the necessity of regeneration, and in the wholesome doctrine, sanctification; and I put my own construction upon another doctrine that is not so much in favor with us, and that is "cranktification." There is a good deal of that in this country. Now, Mr. President, before going further I am going to say that we are in better position, I suppose, to stand firmly upon the doctrines than you, from the very fact that we have not the talent; and I am of the opinion that there is great danger in much learning. [Applause and laughter.] And I am praying to God to sanctify your learning and direct it to the glory of God and to the honor of his Christ and to the uplifting of fallen humanity.

We recognize in you that magnificent spirit to help the lowly and weak and relieve the sufferings of fallen humanity—a characteristic distinguishing you in your work in China and Japan and Mexico, telling wonderfully of the Christlike spirit that dwells in you. But let me say that preëminently above all of these stands the work of the Southern Methodist Church for the Afro-American slave in this country. [Applause.] There was no honor in this work—no one to lionize the one who was prosecuting it. Nothing but self-sacrifice and a good deal of misrepresenting was connected with it. Nothing but the anointing of the Spirit could and did actuate it. The true sentiments of Southern Methodism respecting the man of color were voiced in that great speech of Bishop Joshua Soule before the General Conference of 1844. I read that speech when I was a boy, and that has not been long ago, and it burned its way into my soul and fastened itself on the pages of my memory. I cannot forget it. In it he said: "No matter where I meet the man of color, whether in the North or in the South, with the amount of liberty that he enjoys in this country, the sympathies of my nature are all awakened for him, and could I restore bleeding Africa to independence, to their rights, to all the rights of man, I would this moment do so. But I cannot." And, addressing the other constituents of the Conference, he said: "Neither can you; and while I cannot burst the bonds of the colored man, I will not tighten them. If I cannot do for him," said he, "all the good I would, I will never shut him out from the blessings that I have in my power to bestow"—meaning the preaching of the gospel to him and pointing him to yonder heights where he should live forevermore. As I understand this, it was the position of true Christian manhood, and the only one that could have been taken with benefit to the man of color. Notwithstanding you were misrepresented and put in a false light, you went on bravely with the work

that God Almighty had intrusted to your care—the Christianizing of the Afro-American slave. Before I proceed I might say that I indulge in no words of flattery. I use no figure of speech, but plain, unmistakable language, when I say that whatever success may attend the American negro, he must of necessity look back with the profoundest gratitude upon the work done for him by the fathers of Southern Methodism. [Applause.]

Here a pleasant reflection comes to me. Around the fireside I used to hear my father and mother relate things they had passed, and among other things they would reach the old-time circuit rider; and that was the brightest candle that shone in our souls, when they would relate the doings of this great class of men, where they would preach here to-day and twenty miles away to-morrow night. And so they would reach that part of the country, say, on a Thursday. The master thought that they could not afford to let their slaves leave the cotton fields and their service to come out and hear the word of God. But right here the preacher showed the metal that was in him, and said: "If I cannot preach to the slave, I will not preach to the master." [Applause.] Now, brethren, no greater sacrifice than that could be made, and I am of the opinion that there are few in this congregation to-day who could make such a sacrifice—to say: "If I cannot preach to the man in black, I would not be pastor to this great congregation." The depth is too deep. But he made the sacrifice. Now the politician is slow to recognize the fact that the work of civilization was begun and carried on by you, without which all efforts in the negro's behalf would have been futile. The latter-day politician differs somewhat from the ministry of Southern Methodism in its pioneer days. [Laughter.] The learned Governor of the State of Mississippi, a few weeks ago, said to his Legislature: "Why should we waste a half million dollars trying to develop the negro or to make something of him whom the Great Architect of the universe left unprovided for in the general plan of creation?" [Applause.] Now I read that over and over again, and have the kindest feeling toward the Governor, yet it appears to me that he is a little mistaken. Whether you feel kindly toward this expression or not, it is true that the destiny of the white man of this country, of his girls and his boys, is wrapped up in the destiny of the negro of this country. If you must hold your civilization and your government where it is, necessarily you must elevate the negro. If you abandon him to ignorance, if you abandon him to idleness, if you abandon him to poverty, it will recoil upon you and undermine the very foundation upon which you stand to-day. [Applause.] He must be elevated; no question in the world about that. And you must take the sensible view of affairs.

I believe this: that in 1866 there was a great twofold crime committed in this country.* I come to you for a heart-to-heart talk, and I believe there was a crime committed in this country, and that crime

was when the negro was elevated to the elective franchise at one bound [applause], and put in possession of the government. The men that did so didn't understand their own race, didn't understand the white man. It matters not how much religion he has, you can't put a yoke upon him. [Laughter.] Well, now, the crime grows worse against the negro than the sin was against you. What did he know about running a government, fresh from slavery? Take a common sense view of the affair, and common sense beats the world. [Laughter.] What did he know about it? As was demonstrated, nothing. But yet it mounted him to the skies with nothing under him [applause and laughter]—just simply mounted up for the opportunity to get a fall. [Laughter.] Now that's a common sense view of the situation. A common sense view of it, because God Almighty has never given to any man something for nothing. You have water, but it is under the rock, and you must bore through to get it. There are fruits on the trees, but you must climb. God gave to the world only seed, and said, "Go and sow." And there the negro was put in possession of this great government, and only a few days from slavery. It was a mistake, a sin against him that we feel to-day.

But happily, in 1866, there was something else going on. There was a question asked in your Conference—I believe in New Orleans, "What shall we do with our colored membership?" It was a question going on then and there. When that membership was put on foot, Bishop McTyeire says it was a remnant that was left of your devotion to the slave. Just a remnant left. About four hundred thousand had left and gone to the Methodist Episcopal Church and to the African Methodist Episcopal Church and to the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and that left only a small remnant. But I see the hand of God in that. When all had gone, we had got rid of the political negro. [Laughter and applause.] And this only put us in position to face this issue and save this country. For my part, I would not care—brethren, I am not speaking this because I am here; this is my position before my own people; it is my position in my pulpit; it is my position in our home; it is my position everywhere—I would not care if there were not a man of color in public office from Maine to California and from the Northern Lakes to the Gulf Streams of the South. Now, why? Not because he hasn't the legal right to be there, but because it isn't best. Nothing can stand in politics but that which is equal and able to stand. They must be able in wealth and intellect, and equal in social surroundings; for the inevitable law is that the weaker must go down when you strike the arena of politics, and sometimes it is pretty hard for the equals to stand. Well now, Mr. President, God has designed, in his wise providence, that your Church and my Church should settle this problem. You and your Church and my Church know present conditions and surroundings, and we can adjust ourselves to those conditions and be friends. The negro is fast coming to the fact that the Southern

white man is his best friend. [Applause.] You know sometimes to get the truth into a fellow real solid, so it won't jostle out, you have to sort of jolt it into him. So the negro has got the truth sort of jolted into him. Now I admit that a good many things done by you to the negro ought not to have been done. When you started to kicking, you kicked a little too much.

Now, Mr. President, aside from that fact, I will go back to the work of Southern Methodism toward the Afro-American slave, and I will hasten to close. Our hearts must be full of gratitude for that Church and for you. Our work is a common one, and when we read in the papers—it matters not whether you are doing much or not—but when we read in the papers of a single motion that you have made that describes a kindly feeling toward us, it sends a thrill of joy to our hearts and souls. I noted the other day in the papers where there was a committee appointed on arrangement—I read it hastily—for colored institutes to be held. [A voice: "That is right."] That touched my heart. It is the thing to be done. Let us get in closer touch, in closer communion, because God looks to us to carry this work on to a successful conclusion. If we can have these institutes held all over the country, with the benefits of your superior talents, it will not be long before the fruit thereof will be felt.

Now, as to our Church—our work as a Church—we have wrought splendidly, nobly. We have created our membership, raised it from fifty thousand to two hundred thousand. We have seven Church schools of high grade, yet we are sadly in need of means to keep these schools as they ought to be, to do the real work of colleges. Paine Institute has received from you an expression of good will. Let me suggest to you that in view of your prestige and influence as a Church it may be well to make Paine Institute the equal of any negro institution in the land. Now, brethren, do anything that you can for us in that particular. Bishop Duncan said once before our Conference in Memphis, Tenn., "that when we come to your Conference the string is on the outside, pull the string; and if there is anything within, take it and welcome; and if there is nothing within, don't be dismayed; go on and do your work." So we have taken that advice, and are working earnestly to support education among the people and to spread this common sense that will give us a better relation to each other; and if we can succeed in that, we may feel that we have gone a long way toward helping the rising generation.

Well, in that particular point of education we are doing what we can to educate our people; and in all the country I have never seen a white man I was afraid of, especially a Southern white man. I know you, and I presume you may be very well acquainted with me. But there is a thing in this country that I am afraid of, and that is the *ique* negro. [Applause.] It occurs to me that this man must be reached, and he must be reached quite early. Well, now, in my part of

the country the white man enforces this idleness. I am in West Texas, and all the negroes, as a general thing, are running into the towns and cities out of the country. What must we expect? I walk those streets, and there is a dive run by a negro and yet by a white man, where twenty or thirty and forty robust, strong negroes congregate from day to day and from time to time. I tell you here to-day, frankly, that I am afraid of that class of men. They must be reached, and they must be reached right early. Now, as to the methods of reaching them, I invite, my brethren, your sympathy along that particular line. I might say here, speaking plainly, that the white man should not be afraid to treat the negro right. That should not enter into his thought. He should be kindly toward him in every aspect of life. And you have the opportunity—not the opportunity, but the privilege. Far back as the mind can sweep, the fields of history teem with evidences guaranteeing to you the right to draw the line at racial unity. But I believe the white man is at fault when he forces the negro by legal enactments or otherwise to look upon himself, upon his family, upon his race as naturally inferior. What can you expect, my brethren? What can you look for if you crush legitimate aspiration out of a man or a nation, but moral degeneration, which in turn will recoil and disturb this nation's peace and welfare? To my notion, the negro of this country should be encouraged to lift himself and his family up. It should be your object and your aim to do so. Lift him up. And it should be the inalienable rights of man, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness—these should be guaranteed to him. Evidently we must look to you among whom we dwell. Providentially we are in this country. A noted Southern Congressman once said, "The negro was here last century, is here this century, and the next century he will not be gone"; and the difference in the peace and welfare of this country will be the difference between ten millions of happy, contented negroes and ten millions of unhappy and discontented ones. This country will be in a fix that you cannot redeem it if the star of hope is forever closed to the colored man in this country.

Gentlemen and brethren, I say in the name of God that this question must be settled, and it must be settled in God's way and in God's way only; and at his own time and in his own way all will be made plain.

Now I am going to close. We rejoice in your prosperity as a Church, and also in the success of world-wide Methodism in subduing the world to our God and to his Christ. Our Conference is in session now at Memphis, Tenn. Three or four of the brethren there claimed directly that they had inspiration from God that they were to be elected bishops. But God somehow failed to inform the other brethren [laughter], and they were not elected. We have had a very profitable session [laughter], and under God we are starting out to take a new lease on life.

I read where you are going to get after the Articles of Religion. I immediately laid down the paper and got down and prayed. [Great

laughter.] I felt, my brethren, that it was a season of prayer, and I trust as the mother Church—and we are growing so fast now that we are almost tempted to say “big sis,” but we are going to say mother for a while longer, and hope to reach the point where we can say “big sister”—I trust and pray you will make haste slowly. I don’t want to meddle in your affairs, but I trust and pray you will make haste slowly along the line of revising the Articles of Religion. I am not a spiritualist, but sometimes think that those great men gone before—Pierce, Soule, and McKendree, and all—will say “they have ferried the millions over, these Articles of Religion, that fill the blissful fields to-day, and if you sit and stand squarely upon them they will bring you safely to the saint’s rest.” [Applause and laughter.] I fear if you trifle with them that you may make a pitfall in them somewhere. They are simple now, where all others can understand them. I am not pleading for the college professors now. It will be one hundred years before I can get up to them as they think. I don’t expect to reach their realm, and the masses of the people to-day don’t expect to reach their realm—they cannot get there. It is impossible to climb there. They have not the opportunity. They have not the talent. They have not the means to get up where they are. They cannot get there—so for God’s sake—we understand these Articles of Religion thoroughly enough to carry us all to God—and I pray to you, as our mother, be careful. Don’t put the fodder where we can’t reach it. [Great laughter.] And as you have been a safe guide all the while, I have every confidence to believe that the old ship under the direction of God will be guided safely into the haven of eternal rest. [Applause.]

One more thought and I am through. Brethren, wherever you go to your work, don’t fail to come around to our Sunday schools. Don’t think that some one will make the mistake of supposing that you are trying to get on a social level with us. [Tremendous laughter.] If I am so near you that you have got to stay a long way away from me so the observer can tell that you are intellectually and morally and socially superior, it makes me think that I am uncomfortably close to you; so don’t be afraid to come. No such idea as that is in the negro’s dream. But come and drop a crumb. Come and give us the advantage of your superior talent. Come and give us the advantage of your training. Come peep in on us and see how we are getting along. Time may bring change after change, my brother. With a heart full of gratitude and love I make this expression; and the great cable that unites the nations may decay and break, the fleeting decades may die in the distant past, but the time will never come when there will not be a warm heart-beat in the breast of colored Methodism for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Just stay by us until the morning. If you can do no great thing for us, what you do will be thankfully received. I only want you to preach when you can make the opportunity to do so. Do not get too far apart, because the low white man and the low negro to-

day are in the same haunt. No question about that. It is the low white man that is sowing in the hearts of the low negro that which is going to destroy him eternally. Now, my brethren, under God let us remember there is room enough for us all. God has made the world broad enough for us all. We are going to walk with you, but how can two walk together, says the Bible, unless they are agreed? So there are confessions that must be made on the part of the negro; and he must give to you what you are going to take anyhow, and that is the right to rule this country. [Laughter and applause.] And I, for my part, have put all that into your hands, and then I look you in the face and ask you under God to rule this country right. And I speak now to the ruling force of this Southland—no question about that—here is the ruling force of this Southland right here.

Now I want to speak of another thing. I will not weary your patience longer. The separate car law of this country should be so adjusted as to give equal conditions to the races in all points of convenience. It is a great sin, and a sin under God, to abandon the negro to the tender mercies of corporations. If I could paint one of these brethren black and give him my fare from here to Gainesville, Texas—especially Bishop Galloway; point him out to me, please—if I could paint Bishop Galloway black and give him my fare from here to Gainesville, Texas, and then afterwards give him his present standing as one of the world's greatest orators, he would shake this country from surface to core and back to the surface again, and have the condition of affairs in that particular changed. Why should the white men of this country enact a law to put me into the hands of a railroad corporation, compel me to pay twenty-five or thirty dollars from here to the Far West, and I then be hauled with less consideration than the ox to the slaughter? [Hear, hear.]

Brethren, I am content and happy, and I am looking to the hills—that is all I am doing. God bless you all. I am happy to be here, brethren. I am happy to look into your faces. It bespeaks to me that I look into the faces of men and women and girls and boys that are friendly toward me. God bless your General Conference. God bless all your work. God bless all your officers. God bless your bishops. God bless us all. [Applause.]

ADDRESS OF VICE PRESIDENT CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS, OF
THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Mr. Chairman and Brethren: I am commissioned with my colleague to bring you the fraternal greetings of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It is with great pleasure we have come to fulfill this friendly office, for we realize that while you and we owe allegiance to different organizations, our Churches have an affinity for each other which time and

events serve greatly to strengthen. We feel a pride in each other's achievements. We regard your victories as ours, and ours as yours. The heart of Methodism everywhere is moved by a common impulse. It is inspired by the same high hopes and the same exalted aspirations. We come in no perfunctory spirit. We come with hearty good will, bearing the high commission of your brethren in the Church which derives its life from the same source which gives vitality to yours. Our Churches are well called great—great in numbers, great in noble men who have thoroughly consecrated themselves to their advancement, great in the work they have accomplished, great in their influence for good among men.

THE CHURCH'S GREAT DEVELOPMENT.

The Methodist Church in the United States has kept pace with our tremendous national development. In less than one century and a half it has grown so that more than six million communicants are now enrolled in all its branches. Methodism was never more a vital factor than now, and there was never more need of its discipline and "genuine apostolic spirit" in the upbuilding of a great religious community than there is in this hour. It is a positive, conservative force, aggressive in its beneficial influence, making humanity and the world better. From the time of the immortal John Wesley until now, it has been a militant Church. It has stood upon the frontier battling for justice and righteousness. It has pushed forward against the powers of darkness and evil, and planted its banners in the remotest parts of the earth. Wherever it goes it carries the torch of a higher civilization. It is in the best sense a democratic Church, working among the great masses of the people, lifting the lowly to better conditions. Its hospitable doors must always be open to those in lowly places as well as to those who are in higher spheres. The field of its activities is as broad as the need of our poor humanity. Its dominion is among all peoples. Men are not too low to be beyond the reach of its administration. It seeks to elevate temporarily and spiritually the body of mankind.

The Methodist Church is the sympathetic and powerful friend of the oppressed the world around. It is the fruitful mother of countless schools and charities. Its ministers, brave and noble men, are consecrating themselves, with a devout and sacrificial spirit, to the uplifting of their fellow-men, which awakes our gratitude and challenges our admiration. I have thought always that the ministers of the gospel were not appreciated by the world at their true worth. What a mighty army!—devoted sincerely to the welfare of humanity; men who preach the divine command, "Love thy neighbor as thyself"; men who seek to promote sobriety, to dethrone vice and enthrone virtue in the heart of humanity. If there are those who more than others are entitled to the joys of immortality, they are the ministers who turn aside from the allurements of wealth and earthly power for the advancement of the kingdom of

Christ. Men whose sole endeavor is to elevate the condition of their fellow-men are entitled to sit among the benefactors of the world.

We rejoice in the growth of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; in its expansion in numbers, in power, and in wholesome influence. It was never stronger than to-day, and never viewed the future with a more confident hope. You look back upon an honorable past filled with innumerable trophies of service to God and to humanity; and what can be said of your Church may be said with equal truth of the Church in whose name we have come to-day. We all appreciate that we are one in purpose. We have a common cause, and are brought into close contact and sympathy with each other. We are bound together by many ties of interest and affection. The lines of delimitation between us are rapidly fading away, and I trust that the time is not remote when they will disappear altogether and there shall become in fact one Church of Methodism, with America and foreign missions as her field, in which millions shall labor for the regeneration of mankind. There is a strength in numbers, there is an impulse whose limits we cannot well measure in multiplied millions working for the same holy purpose. Methodism, unified in America, is the promise and fulfillment of greater and better things for our country and our civilization.

I cannot refrain from expressing and emphasizing the hope, which those who have preceded me in this brotherly mission have no doubt ventured to express, that the two great branches of Methodism in America may be consolidated into one mighty Church, not in sentiment and in purpose alone, but in organization as well. I give utterance to this wish upon my own responsibility, though it is shared by many of my brethren. With me it is not a desire born of this kindly mission, but is one which I have long cherished; one which time has but strengthened, and which your hearty welcome has but quickened. The trend of events seems to me to lead to ultimate union. The progress may be slow, but I believe it to be certain. The inexorable logic of mutual interests must lead us to a common conclusion. Union will come through the subtle yet powerful influence of the law of gravitation—the gravitation of mutual respect, of common faith. We have essentially the same ecclesiastical polity and sing the praises of the Master from a common hymn book. Lines of latitude do not afford an insuperable objection. The Church inspires a feeling of brotherly love. It teaches forgiveness, and if either Church has erred in the past it has long since been forgiven in the supreme chancery where those who misjudge for want of light are forgiven. Methodism is too broad to be bounded by sectional lines. It is too catholic in its exalted purpose to be restricted by limits less ample than those of the republic.

I do not know how long the followers of John Wesley will dwell apart in the United States. I have faith to believe that the barriers which still divide us are growing less formidable with the lapse of time, and that they will ultimately yield, and a union will be established between

the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, thereby creating one of the greatest instruments for good in the entire Christian world.

We each and all desire to see the symmetrical development of our common country. We wish to see an intellectual, industrious, patriotic, religious people, firmly welded together. We desire particularly to see the lines of division between sections completely obliterated and forgotten. I trust that Methodism may not long be divided upon lines of former sectional differences—differences which, thank God, are past and gone forever and forever. May we not hope to see the great bishops whom you honor, and whom we honor in the North, presiding over Conferences in every portion of the republic? May we not hope to see a united Church, freely transferring its ministers between the North and the South, as well as between the East and the West? Such interchange between the various portions of our country will serve mightily to advance a wholesome national purpose. We all earnestly hope to see the myriad influences making for good among us, threading from North to South and from East to West, weaving the people of all sections into a homogeneous whole. Consolidated Methodism would tend in a considerable degree to promote the intellectual and moral interests of the entire country. National solidarity will be advanced in some measure, in fact as well as in name, when Methodism comes into complete organic fellowship. While with us Church and State are separate, and should so continue, the Christian Church is, nevertheless, a powerful agency in the support of a free State. It presided at the birth of the republic, and has been its faithful guardian angel from that hour until now. It inculcates among the great body of the people that wholesome respect for the rights of men, that regard for law and order, without which the State cannot long survive. "The United States," says De Tocqueville, "must be religious to be free." Furthermore said he, "Despotism may govern without religious faith, but liberty cannot."

The socialistic tendency in certain quarters has not escaped the attention of the most casual observer of current events. Its growth cannot be viewed except with concern, for it bodes no good to our country. The Church may well concern itself with all those things which affect the temporal welfare of this great people. It may well concern itself with those things which menace the State, which tend to jeopardize the institutions which came to us from the hands of our fathers. The movement is yet in its incipient stages, and it is well that its pernicious influence should be understood. Socialism is at war with our most cherished traditions. It is hostile to the enlightened principles of our growth as a great people. It is a peril to our social and industrial development. It would paralyze individual initiative, which has been the most potent factor in our upbuilding. Here, amidst the unsurpassed advantages which a kind Providence has placed at our hands, the individual counts for more than anywhere else beneath the sun. Here, no

matter how humble his station, he is able to develop his genius for accomplishing things, for subduing the wilderness, for building great cities, for spanning the continent with the evidence of his power, for improving his environment and making better the home and stronger the State. But this were endowment enough. It has been the touchstone of our national development. It has given us countless communities, happy, self-reliant, prosperous, brave, and patriotic. Socialism seeks to level down, and not to level up. It is alike at war with the best interests of both capital and labor. It seeks to restrict each in the exercise of its natural functions. It puts limitations upon each which are contrary to American genius and spirit. In the United States the laborer of to-day becomes the capitalist of to-morrow. Such has been our experience from the beginning until now, and it will be the future history of to-morrow.

Neither constitution nor statutes, though they were framed by men with the wisdom of Solomon, can establish and maintain equality and absolute justice among men. We must look to the persuasive power and influence of the Christian Church to bring them to a complete realization of their true relationship to each other; to their primary duty to deal with one another; to carry into the various relations of life the principles of that brief and splendid code, the Golden Rule. No political law can maintain enduring relations of amity between capital and labor. No human law can bring them into such harmony as perpetually to avoid friction and collision. The Christian Church can do more than all the measures framed by the hand of man to maintain industrial peace, for it teaches the brotherhood of man and inspires men with a sense of justice and fair play which is the ultimate foundation of good relations. If men do not have within them the spirit of love and justice; if they do not have in their breasts the spirit of divine law, there is little hope of enduring concord.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH WORKING FOR PEACE.

The Christian Church is doing much for peace everywhere; much for the preservation of good order among the nations of the earth. We are spending millions upon millions to keep our armies and navies abreast of our national needs. We are spending sums annually which would impoverish many governments in preparing to vindicate the national honor upon land and sea, should occasion require. But we find in the quiet influence of the Church a more potent agency for the preservation of international peace than the strongest military and naval forces of the most powerful governments upon this earth. The Church demands that the cruel sacrifice of life and property by war shall cease. It insists that the methods of adjusting differences between nations shall be an improvement upon the old method of composing disputes between barbarous peoples. The Church stands with intelligent firmness for the determination of international questions in the tribunal of

reason. It believes in the potency of moral suasion. It believes more in the efficacy of debate in the supreme chamber where justice presides than in the appeal to might which is made upon the field.

My brethren, our lines have fallen in pleasant places. We live in a fortunate hour in the history of the world. A great responsibility rests upon us, and that is to live well our day and serve well our generation. We are in the fullest and best sense trustees of a mighty trust. Fidelity to it is the watchword. We are the adherents of a Church of great potency. We give to it our loyal allegiance, for we have faith in it and we love it. We should serve it and transmit it to those who shall follow us with power increased and honor undimmed. Methodism is progressive. It moves forward majestically, meeting new conditions and the advancing needs of the world; meeting in full measure the increasing duties which God Almighty lays upon it. No finite intelligence can set the boundaries of its future influence. We look back upon what it has done with profound satisfaction, and forward with the utmost confidence. We believe that, inspired by all the sacred memories of the past, the mighty army of Methodism will go forward doing its full share in lifting humanity to a still higher and nobler life.

ADDRESS OF REV. W. S. MATTHEW, D.D., OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Mr. Chairman, Dear Fathers and Brethren: I count myself happy this day because, in company with my distinguished colleague, I am permitted to bear to you the sincere and affectionate greetings of three millions of your brethren in the Methodist Episcopal Church. We thank God at every remembrance of you, making mention of you in our prayers, and rejoicing that the God of our fathers is still among you, and that the anointing of the Holy Ghost abides with you even as the dews of Hermon. And, speaking for myself alone, but confident that I represent a great and increasing constituency in my own communion, and in yours as well, I say definitely and unequivocally that if I could have my way these two severed communions should be one. Had I the power under God to bring it about, they should be reunited this very day; then, standing in the holy place, I would lift my hands in benediction and say, "Those whom God hath joined together, let not man put asunder!" But, sir, I am confident I cannot do it. No man can now bring about that consummation, devoutly as it may be wished. Some things in themselves preëminently good can only be secured through the lapse of time—which, being interpreted, is the providence of God. The reuniting of all these sons of John Wesley into one great Episcopal Methodism is to multitudes more than a dream or a hope; it is a daily prayer. But it will take time—and the abundant grace of

God. I judge we cannot hasten it; but it will come; in God's good time it will come!

In my adopted state there is a glorious river breaking out of the mountains and flowing westward into the sunset sea. For a thousand ages past the waters of that stream, fed by the eternal snows of the Sierra Madres, had been cutting out that mighty gorge so loved by the disciples of Izaak Walton, and building up the alluvium of as fair and fertile a valley as God ever gave to the sons of men. But one day in the long ago, when the waters were at their flood, that beautiful and erstwhile peaceful channel became clogged with great boulders and giant trees, torn from their rootings on the mountain side. All in vain the waters roared and churned their sides; they could not remove the obstruction. One wonders whether if some wise engineer had been there with modern appliances he might have dynamited those obstructions away and set the angry waters free to flow on untrammelled to the sea. Who knows? But he was not there; and certain it is those waters rose in their wrath and tore out the banks on either side and cut two channels to the sea. So now the farmers and orchardists of that section have to reckon with two rivers—the "old" river and the "new" river!

So, years before most of us were born, the mighty stream of Methodism got clogged and its waters were divided. Two streams now flow through the land, instead of one, but both, I dare believe, fed from the living waters of the mount of God. Going back over the history to where that break occurred, I have often wished that some celestial dynamite had then and there been possible to break away the obstructions of that day, and that our glorious stream had never been divided. But so it was not. Two streams there are, flowing side by side, now near, now far, their waters sometimes commingled as I have seen the waters of that same dual stream in the golden West; sometimes fretting their banks, and sometimes, I am sorry to say, rooting up fair orange trees in the garden of the Lord; but on the whole blessing the land with their waters and fertilizing erstwhile sterile soil for many a golden league. Well, some day, please God, those two streams shall be one. If you ask me how or when, I say frankly I cannot tell. At the close of the war in 1865 one of our poets sang of how one day

Some sweet bird of the South
Shall build a nest in every cannon's mouth!

We believed it in our souls, but for the life of us we could not tell how nor when it could be. Still we believed it. And one day a wild cry ran through the land, "Remember the Maine!" and Joe Wheeler and Teddy Roosevelt rushed up San Juan Hill together, and after that the armies of the whole world could not have kept apart the people of the North and the South. It was a simple thing; no philosopher reasoned it out; no scientist laid the plan; only the poet-prophet dreamed it true. God Almighty touched the chords of a common patriotism.

and it was true! So to-day, politically, in the truest sense, there is no North, there is no South, no East, no West, but one country, one flag, one heart of a mighty nation!

So some day—I know not when—God shall arouse American Methodism by a common interest—it may be by a mighty common peril—and his Spirit shall melt us together, and we shall be one. But the coming of that day we must commit to God, and await his will. But I do think there are some things we can do while we await the ripening of his plans—some things we ought to do. And one of the things I for one believe we ought to do is to love each other—and quit fighting. “We be brethren”; “Let us have peace.” There is surely enough for us each and all to do without stirring up the dying embers of an ancient strife. The sorrowing and the sinning, the broken and the discouraged—they are all about us, and they need our help. Shall we continue to waste our time and consume our energies in bootless wordy war? In God’s name, let us be done with it. I never hear or read of any recrudescence of a strife that ought never to have begun but I recall the story of a strangely pathetic occurrence in the bloody woods of Shiloh. That battle, in which so many of your relatives and mine went down together, was, as you remember, fought mainly in a dense forest—wilder and darker than the “woods of Ephraim.” Through that forest ran an old wagon road which during the peaceful years of the past had worn itself down through the red clay of the hill until it seemed like a carefully cut line of intrenchment. Early in the day that old wagon road was seized by the brigade commanded by General B. M. Smith, of my native state. The line in his front was commanded by an equally gallant and impetuous son of the South. Over and over again during that awful day the tide of battle ebbed and flowed past this “sunken road”; now it was held by the Blue, now by the Gray. Suddenly out of the fire and battle smoke Prentiss observed a courier coming with a flag of truce. He could not believe his eyes. Was it possible the enemy meant to surrender? He had not long to wait. “For God’s sake, cease firing!” said the lieutenant who carried the white flag; “the bursting shells have set fire to the woods, and the flames are consuming the dead and wounded of both armies alike! For God’s sake, cease firing, and let us all together put out the fire and save our comrades from the flames!” It was done. Far down the thin battle line rang the bugle call, “Cease firing,” while Blue and Gray together strove to put out the fires and rescue their comrades, living and dead. My brethren, I look in your faces to-day—faces I have learned to love—and I say, Let us cease firing! For God’s sake, let it cease—and cease forever. Multitudes about us are perishing. We have no time for strife. Let us drop everything else, and together strive to put out the fires of hell and rescue our dying fellow-men! We have had our differences; maybe we shall have them again; but the dying world about us is perishing while we pummel each other—about what? God only knows. Maybe

there is good reason—but let it pass. The Lord of us all needs our strength for better things. “Let us have peace.”

There is one other thing we can do. We can arrange some simple method whereby a minister in good standing in a Conference in either Church can be transferred without yielding for one minute either his Conference relation or his dignity as a man. We do that already in the case of lay members of the Church; why not do it in the case of members of Conference?

Then there are some readjustments along the border line that a wise and genuine fraternity surely might bring about for the glory of God and without harm to either communion. It is easy to stand off and criticise: I am not in that business. It may be mistakes have been made on both sides; mistakes may yet arise in the conduct of affairs by either or both of us; so be it; our people are not infallible. But “love beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth.” And love will conquer at last.

Meanwhile, it may be that the purpose of God shall ripen faster than any of us now dream. Oklahoma already has a joint university, manned and managed by the two sister Churches, and the brethren in Kentucky are moving to consolidate for better work several of the secondary schools of both Churches. We have a common order of service, a common catechism, a joint Publishing House in Shanghai, and a common hymnal out of which millions on both sides are singing the songs of redemption. Yonder on the firing line of missions our brothers are drawing together in wondrous fashion. They see the great world problems as we cannot see them. They see the waste consequent upon divided plans and efforts as we cannot see it. And they feel, as many of us do not yet feel, the need and the propriety of a closer alliance among all the forces working for the salvation of a lost race. They, like our great founder, really desire an alliance offensive and defensive with every man that truly loves our Lord Jesus Christ. And we need not wonder that in Japan and in other foreign fields all Methodists are longing for a more perfect union of effort, and the action of our Joint Commission on Federation in making one Japanese Methodist Episcopal Church for that Island Empire may be taken as a good omen and a prophecy of that time coming when, in every land, by every sea, there shall be one Episcopal Methodism, organized and conducted for the glory of our common Lord and the salvation of our common humanity. Perhaps this is not the time to criticise the action of the Joint Commission, or to make suggestions concerning its future work. But I may be pardoned for expressing in a tentative way my own conviction of the necessity for great caution concerning the terms of this proposed union. The Japanese, as a race, under the tutelage of Western nations, and especially under the power of the gospel which has now been preached among them for half a hundred years, have had a marvelous intellectual and spiritual awakening, and a still more marvelous

awakening to material improvement and achievement; but it does not seem to me yet time for the creation of a national Methodism in Japan, entirely independent of the mother Church. I should fear that experiment would result as did the experiment of establishing a Hawaiian Christianity, wholly independent of the American Board. Let us move with caution and proceed on lines already suggested by our brethren in the Empire of China. The idea of a national Church has, of course, much to commend it to a proud and progressive people, and especially to a people newly awakened and making such strides in national power as Japan is now making. But there is a greater thought than national or race Methodism, and that is ecumenical Methodism—Methodism with a world-wide plan; Methodism with a world-wide sweep of power. And it is toward this idea that I believe the two great branches of Episcopal Methodism ought to look and plan and labor and pray. And while I view with the most profound respect the outworking energies of other communions, both in our own and in other lands, and thank God every day of my life that he has other sheep that are not of this fold and other workers that are not organically related to us, but who are in love and sympathy working alongside of us, or even in advance of us, for the salvation of a lost and ruined world, I yet believe that Episcopal Methodism, as represented in these two branches of American Methodism, has a great, a wide, an increasing mission to help spread scriptural holiness over all the lands of the earth. Far be it from us to boast of what we have done, but let us never forget what God has done for us; let us never fail to realize what God plans to do yet through us; let us stir up the gift of God that is within us, and gird ourselves for the greater battle that is before us.

And may I be pardoned for saying in this presence that Episcopal Methodism has in it, as no other communion of which I have any knowledge, the essential elements for world-wide, aggressive, beneficent, and permanent leadership in the kingdom of God? Long ago was it said, "Methodism has a preachable gospel and a knowable religion." With all our modern lack of faith and faithfulness, I dare believe this to be true now. It is a strange fact, but a fact nevertheless, that the Christian world about us is but just coming to realize the breadth of the content of the gospel of the Son of God which our fathers preached from the beginning. Within a month past, the President of Dartmouth College, in a series of really great lectures on "Modern Christianity," said the Church has but just come to a realization of the fact that the gospel of Jesus Christ was meant for all men, and not for any particular class of men, elected either by nationality, race, or condition, or by the sovereign act of an inscrutable God. Now that may be true of large sections of the Christian Church of our time. Indeed, it is true; but our fathers preached a universal atonement, and proclaimed acceptance of the gospel by all men everywhere—I say the fathers preached that gospel in the fields and lanes and highways of England a hundred

and fifty years ago; and there is to-day not a corner of the earth to which missionaries have penetrated, but that glorious gospel of universal love and salvation for all men is preached to-day as Paul preached it, and the other apostles, fresh from the lips of the infinite Son of God. That gospel Wesley and his fellows were raised up to preach all over England and America. That gospel is still the mission of Methodism to preach in every land.

And not only have we a knowable religion and a preachable gospel, but, in the providence of God, we have the most perfect system of Church government ever devised for the supreme and single purpose of acquainting the world with God's eternal message of love and salvation, and the sure and permanent occupation of all lands with the institutions of the gospel. John Wesley has been styled "the greatest ecclesiastical statesman whom the world has yet produced." That may be true, but I have been compelled to believe that the final form which Methodism took in the matter of Church government was not so much the result of great and wise statesmanship as of a strange, overruling, and all-divine Providence. Wesley in his journals clearly indicates that many of the distinctive features of organic Methodism, as we now have it, were not the results of careful planning but of providential movements entirely outside his own thought. The Class Meeting, the Quarterly Conference, the Annual Conference, field preaching, the printed page, the world-wide conception of his parish bounds—all these things were forced upon Wesley. His supreme statesmanship consists in the fact that he was wise enough and teachable enough to seize upon providential agencies for the furtherance of the great work for which God had evidently called him. And if we consider the work of the ministry and the appointing power, we shall find operating the same great principle. Wesley and his brother workers were literally thrust out to spread scriptural holiness over those lands—thrust out by the intolerance of the mother Church in England, which drove them from its pulpits; thrust out by the providence of God and the leadership of the Spirit; and from that day to this Methodism has had a definitely "called" ministry and a providentially "sent" ministry. It is a great military system. Every man among us is a man under authority. Back of him and above him is not only the eternal "Go" of our risen and ascended Lord and Master, but also the constant and insistent "Go" of the Church. The Methodist minister does not sit down and wait for some churchly organization to call him to be its pastor. He is sent by the Church to plant the gospel in needy places and to raise up a church where it never had existed and never would exist but that the Lord of the harvest, by his Spirit and through the agency of the Church, continually sends out men into his harvest. This one feature alone should commend Episcopal Methodism to the confidence and esteem of Christendom. Other communions have from fifteen to forty per cent. of their churches pastorless all the while; and as great or

even a greater per cent. of their ordained ministers without settled charges. Methodism knows no such break. Every charge has a pastor. Every worthy and competent minister has a parish. One now and then hears something of the "grinding of the great iron wheel"; and certain it is that Methodism was not organized for the purpose of creating soft beds for men to lie upon. Ours is not an army designed to be forever in camp in the midst of ease and luxury and personal enjoyment. It is, rather, an army forever on the move—an army of invasion—an army not so much of defense as of offense. The world that lieth in sin is to be invaded by the power of the gospel. In the very nature of the case, the Church that would take this world for Jesus Christ must be a Church organized with the distinct purpose and power of sending competent, willing, and consecrated men to every corner of this needy world and keeping them there until the light of the glorious gospel of the Son of God shall penetrate the moral and spiritual darkness and, by the power of the truth, energized by the Holy Spirit, bring in the glad day when "the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ." In his "Winning of the West," President Roosevelt pays deserved tribute to the early circuit riders, who kept pace with the ever-advancing waves of emigration as they passed over the Alleghanies and southward and westward into the rich valleys of the great middle region, and by their faithful and heroic endeavors made possible the stable and beneficent institutions of civil government. In a larger sense—in a world-wide sense—the Church of Jesus Christ must ever have his messengers of the Cross keeping up with the van of every human movement, and thus Christianizing every age and every land.

Accordingly, it has seemed to me that of all forms of Christianity yet organized Methodism is peculiarly adapted for a sustained and world-wide campaign for the salvation of men. I do not say that Methodism is the only great missionary Church. I do not forget that there were great missionary Churches and great missionary movements before John Wesley was born. I do not forget that Anglo-Saxon Christianity is itself the product directly and indirectly of other great missionary movements which had their inception a thousand years ago. I do not forget the work of our great Protestant denominations in our day, nor the world-wide plans of the Roman Catholic Church, which, with all its faults, has done and is doing a beneficent work in spreading the gospel in many lands. What I do say is this: that the Church possessing the purest form of the gospel, democratic in its organization and plans, yet possessed of a great ecumenical and centralized power, not autocratic nor forced upon men by an outside authority against their judgment and will, but originating within and working out by the free and loyal suffrages of its subjects, and thus capable not only of maintaining itself intact where already established, but of enlarging its borders and of pushing out its arms of power to the remotest bounds

of humanity—I do say that a Church thus equipped and thus thoroughly organized has within itself peculiar powers and adaptabilities for a world-wide campaign for human salvation. If we have done little thus far, it is because we have not worked up to our full providential possibilities and duties. And to my thought the vision of an ecumenical Methodism, operated from no seat of autocratic power upon the Tiber or the Thames, but organized and operated under a free and flexible constitution, with an appointing power universal but itinerant and itself subject to authority, with the rank and file instant and loyal, ever ready to go wherever sent with this gospel of universal love—such a vision of such a Church not only satisfies my intellect, but thrills my soul. And such a system is Methodism; such her organization; such her history; such her mission. May God keep her faithful to her traditions and to the spirit of her organization!

But can we do for this age what our fathers did for the age in which they lived and wrought? The age of steel and electricity, the age of trolley cars and automobiles, the age of luxury, of education, of travel, of dilettanteism—can we save the age as our fathers, under God, saved theirs? For, however we may glorify this age of progress, it is well for us to bear in mind that millionaire “trusts” and “closed shop” labor organizations do not necessarily guarantee the reign of peace and good will among men. To bathe every day in tepid water scented with attar of roses does not of itself purify a man’s heart or insure him against being a gambler and a libertine. In short, this age must some way learn the everlasting and basic truth of Jesus’ words, “A man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth.” Far be it from me to rail against modern civilization or underrate the value of our vast and multiplying material improvements. I do not despair of my country. I still believe in representative government and in individual liberty guaranteed by law. Still more do I believe in that God whose providence watched over the infant colonies at Jamestown and Plymouth; which saw to it that New England was peopled by Sabbath-respecting, God-honoring Puritans, and at the same time gave to Georgia and the Carolinas that virile and heroic type of Christian manhood which was descended from the French Huguenots and Scotch Covenanters. But, sir, let us ask, Where are we now, either as to our national ideals or our daily life? What is our boast? What our hope? Whither do we tend?

What constitutes a State?

Not high-raised battlement or labored mound, thick wall or moated gate;
 Not cities proud with spires and turrets crowned; not bays and broad-armed ports,
 Where, laughing at the storm, rich navies ride; not starred and spangled courts,
 Where low-browed baseness wafts perfume to pride.
 No; men, high-minded men, men who their duties know,
 But know their rights, and, knowing, dare maintain;
 These constitute a State.

It is entirely possible that the magnificence of our material civilization and the triumphs of material science shall blind our eyes to the dangers of political trickery and social disintegration. There is a widespread and distinct call for a great "ethical revival"—a revival of business integrity, of political probity, of private virtue and social honor. But it must never be forgotten that an ethical revival can never be produced save by a profound spiritual revival. No race and no nationality has ever yet risen to true greatness that did not have in its beginnings a profound spiritual faith. No nation has ever gone down under the power of social and political corruption, unless it has first lost its faith in the eternal verities of the spiritual realm. If personal and national decadence has in America already set in; if greed and graft threaten the very foundations of the city and the nation; if selfishness, class pride, and race prejudice are fast dividing our people into warring factions; if the hordes of the untutored and the unwashed from foreign lands threaten us with an inundation of ignorance and moral filth, what shall save us? There is but one power that can do it, and that is the power of a deep, widespread, and all-embracing revival of a pure spiritual religion. There is but one alembic that can fuse together the social and political life of America during the generation just closed; that is the power of the gospel of the Son of God. And, sir, while I would not be an alarmist and hope I am in no sense a pessimist, I cannot close my eyes to facts which are patent to all careful students and which ought to arouse every energy of the Church of the living God. It has long been stated that on the continent of Europe not more than one man in five is a churchgoer, that only the women and children as a rule frequent the place of worship. A careful student of the conditions in England, and especially in London, shows that the same sad state of affairs largely obtains even amid its so-called Protestant population. Of five million young men in England between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five years, not more than one million are members or regular attendants of the church. Thus it appears that of what ought to be the very flower of English manhood, four millions are living "without God and without hope in the world." Conditions in America are not yet so bad as that, but confessedly the Church is by no means reaching as it ought to reach the vigorous young manhood of either the city or the country. But be it known, not only to those whose duty it is to watch for the souls of men, but also to those who are guardians of the State, that we shall never be able to save America unless we can save its manhood. You cannot save half a race and leave the other half to go down in pollution and atheistic neglect. The race is one. If one half the race goes down, it will sooner or later drag the remainder down. What America needs to-day is a profound revival of manhood religion. What the Church needs is to arouse itself to an undying struggle to save the men of this generation. If it be a more virile type of preaching that is needed, the pulpit must look to that.

If it be a profounder concern for all the holy interests of the family, society, and the nation, the whole body of our people must be stirred. If it be a deeper and more abiding faith in the power of the gospel, then the Church should get upon its knees before God, and upon its face, if need be, and tarry till the blessings shall come. At any rate, at all cost and all hazard, the Church of John and Charles Wesley must again show that it is worthy to live, by taking hold of the manhood of the age in which we live and leading it to the Son of God.

And let us not be discouraged by untoward conditions. He that is for us is more than all they that can be against us. It may be true in our time that the business world is fast breaking up into hostile camps. It may be that the skies already wear a lurid tinge. It may be that the labor guilds hedge men in and, to all appearances, protect them against the assaults of the gospel. Be it so. "Man's extremity is God's opportunity." As President Tucker, already quoted, said the other day, the very compactness and power and the wide sweep of the labor organizations of our time may yet, in the providence of God, supply the means for the speedy and sure evangelization of our millions of wage earners. "Let," said he, "another Wesley rise, who shall do for the workingmen of this generation what Wesley did for the coal miners and field laborers of his generation, and the same Divine grace will be repeated in America." Let us not be discouraged. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever. The problem is the same, despite all outward changes. The heart of humanity is still the same. And if the Church but arouse itself and gird itself for the conflict that is before it, the great Captain of our salvation will lead us forth to certain victory.

And, sir, I dare believe not only that the heart of the Church is still true to its God-given mission, but that there are unmistakable evidences that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is in our day getting ready an adequate army of trained workers to take this world. So surely as the unprecedented growth of America in population and material and moral strength during the past two decades was an indication of the Divine purpose to thrust America forward and give it a commanding place as a great power, so the conversion and training of the vast body of consecrated young men and young women in all the Churches of this land in our day is an indication of a far-reaching provision of the Divine Providence for the widespread and effectual proclamation of the gospel of salvation among the nations of the unsaved. We are living in a mighty age. It is a strenuous, awful time. History is making with a rapidity and import such as few ages of the world have seen. No greater epoch in the history of Christianity has thus far appeared, and no more sublime event has yet been chronicled than that when in the fair capital of Tennessee, the other day, four thousand of the picked young men and young women, mostly from the colleges and universities of America, gathered to reconsecrate themselves and to plan for giving the gospel to all the world in this generation; and

when, out of their poverty and slender earnings, they dared to lay ninety thousand dollars upon the altars of the Church for their world-wide plans, and solemnly and confidently called upon the Churches of this land to send into God's harvest each year at least one thousand new missionaries, it seemed to me like a trumpet call out of the skies summoning the Church to the final conflict of light with darkness, of Christianity with heathenism. That is the temper of the choicest among us. "Mother," said Sir Philip Sidney, who has been called the flower of English chivalry, "if there are any good wars when I grow up, I mean to go to them." The great wars of our times are "good wars." They are wars which must decide the fate of nations as of individuals. To these wars God is calling the flower of American manhood. This is the great missionary age. Never before were the doors open so wide. Never before was the thought of men in such a ferment. Never before had the gospel so free and fair a field. Never before were the Churches so well equipped for the fray. Let us arise and go forth, for we are abundantly able to possess the land.

Abraham Lincoln in a noble passage once declared that "the Father of Waters must flow unvexed to the sea"; that the citizens of this republic are of a common stock, and that the God of nations evidently intended that we should forever remain one people. So Schiller sings in "William Tell":

Though mountain ridge and lake divide our bounds,
And every canton's ruled by its own laws,
Yet are we but one race, born of one blood,
And all are children of a common home.

But for the living Church the real and vital union is not a union of creed or governmental plan; it is a union of effort. For this let our two Methodisms stand. United by a common purpose, animated by a common spirit, let us together move at the great Commander's call, encouraging each other as Joab said to his brother, Abishai: "If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me; but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee. Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God; and the Lord do that which seemeth him good."

ADDRESS OF REV. DINSDALE T. YOUNG, OF THE BRITISH WES-
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Bishop Hoss, Bishops, and my Good Friends, for such I may be allowed respectfully to call you: They of Britain salute you. The Methodists of England and Scotland and Ireland salute you much in the Lord. It would be a strange thing if the heart of British Methodists did not go out toward their American brethren; and I am here to-night, an humble spokesman of our Church, to assure you that we have you

in our hearts. We naturally care for your state. The blood of a common ancestry, physical and spiritual, is in our veins. And best of all, we are not only all one in Christ Jesus, sir, but we are all the sons and daughters of John Wesley. His body sleeps in the graveyard of City Road Chapel, London; but his soul is marching on, and it never marched on more triumphantly than it does to-day. We rejoice unfeignedly, enthusiastically, sir, in you the Methodists of this Southern Church. We know something of your history, and we are sacredly proud of it. We glorify God in you. I may venture to say that I have had the honor and profit and pleasure of reading a history of the Methodism of the South; and I have read it thrilled and thankful. If I may be allowed to say so, sir, the history of the recovery of Southern Methodism after the war is one of the most marvelous pieces of heroic religion in the long and splendid history of the Christian Church. You were Methodistically, as it were, like a dull chrysalis; but how soon the dull chrysalis cracked into shining wings, which were never more vigorous and more lustrous than they are to-day! We thank God on every remembrance of that marvelous triumph of yours. And we are so thankful to know that you are not living in your past. There are Churches who only live on their reputation. Their solitary boast is their ancestry. Let me venture, even amid these dignities, to tell you an English story. There was an Englishman who was boasting. That is not always an unfamiliar passage in contemporary English history. He was boasting of his heroic ancestry. He said, "I am descended from so and so," mentioning an illustrious name; and again, "I am descended from so and so," mentioning another name of splendor; and yet once more, "I am descended from so and so," mentioning another noble name. And a sagacious and observant wag who listened to him made this pithy comment—it was almost worthy of an American; and he said, "But good heavens, man! how you have descended!" In the name of the Lord, we congratulate you that you have not descended conspicuously and remotely from your splendid ancestry. The spirit that fired your ancestors fired you. Wesley's watchword thrills you, and still it is true in Southern Methodism, "the best of all is, God is with you."

The Methodists of England have sent me to tell you that they love you. They were anxious not only that you guess it, but that you should know it. We love you, my friends, and we tell you so. One of your great poets had this encomiastic remark made about him, sir. It was said that whenever he spoke to a lady he addressed her as if he were presenting her with a bouquet of flowers. I wish I could speak to you on that wise to-night. What if I could? But oh! these limitations of ours. But they are insurmountable. One of your American humorists said on one occasion that he had a colossal intellect, but unfortunately he had forgotten to bring it with him. That glaring but unintentional omission you will pardon on the part of the English delegate to-night, I am sure. The Methodists of England have sent as their representative a

working pastor—not an ex-president, not a president, not a great dignitary of the Church, not a professor of theology, not the head of any great department. Low be it spoken, and humbly be it spoken, sir, not even a doctor of divinity. I believe I am almost the only minister in America at this hour who is not a doctor of divinity. [Laughter.] I am trying to bear my humiliation with becoming Christian resignation. But if I do not come to you as a bird of plumage gay, I bring you an olive leaf newly plucked, and I present it to you in the name of the Methodists of England. I have traveled “through the streets of the sea and over the roads of the land” that I may salute you with unrestrained and most cordial affection, in the name of my brethren in that remote and storm-tossed isle.

I am reminded also, Mr. President, that I am commissioned not only to represent to you the English Conference, but the Conference of Ireland; and lest I should forget, in the splendid liberty that you have given me to-night to speak as long as I like, I will say at the outset that I desire to tender in behalf of the Irish Conference their most warm salutations. What do we owe to the Methodism of Ireland—England and America alike! How great is the obligation of Methodism of to-day to the Methodism of Ireland! Did not Strawbridge, your great pioneer, hail from Ireland? You cannot forget the Methodists of Ireland. We on the other side of the Atlantic can never forget Ireland, for political reasons. But especially we love gratefully to remember them for Methodistic reasons. William Thompson, a great ecclesiastical statesman, and the first President of the English Conference after the death of John Wesley, was an Irishman. Adam Clarke, the great expositor and scholar of early Methodism, was an Irishman; and to him we owe that splendid commentary that is remembered still in England, and of which the great Spurgeon said that it was a great deal like Solomon's Ophir—it had gold and silver and precious stones, and it had also some apes and peacocks. We owe to Ireland William Arthur, the immortal author of that immortal book “The Tongue of Fire,” a book that will have a royal place in Pentecostal literature as long as such literature shall endure. And to mention only two other names, we owe to Irish Methodism two princely laymen, Sir William McArthur, the Methodist Lord Mayor of London in his time, and his equally honored brother, one of my dear personal friends, now ninety-two years of age, but with a heart full of youthful enthusiasm for the Church to which he has given his life. Surely it is fitting that we should make special mention of that peculiar type of Methodism, and that splendid type of Methodism, represented by the Irish Conference. There are 62,000 Methodists in Erin's green isle to-day, 200 ministers, 130 circuits, 700 local preachers; and thousands of emigrant Methodists are passing from Ireland into every part of the world, spreading the life and faith and salvation bequeathed to them by John Wesley. In their name, as

in the name of the Methodism of England and of Wales, we say, "We have blessed you out of the house of the Lord."

Mr. Chairman, since your last General Conference we have had, as English Methodists and as American Methodists, sorrow and rejoicing together. You have had your shadows. You have had your great bereavements. We have known them, and we have mourned with you. The great, stalwart, picturesque, romantic, splendid figure, Bishop Keener, was greatly honored in English Methodism, and you have our affectionate condolence in the great impoverishment that has come upon you in the withdrawal of so magnificent a man. We too have had our losses. Hugh Price Hughes, ardent evangelist, splendid defender of the faith, eloquent orator, consummately adroit reasoner, apologist, debater. What a scene when, bewept with multitudinous tears, that good knight of Jesus Christ was laid in his last resting place in London town! Just as our Conference met in the city of Bristol, one of the noblest men of our modern Church was removed—Dr. Ebenezer Jenkins, great divine, popular missionary advocate, noble type of the most cultured and consecrated Methodism. Other losses, too, we have sustained; and yet, sir, we find in these losses a gain to match. The departure of saints is not all impoverishment. They are still ours. I am reminded how old Bishop Wordsworth, of Lincoln, England, was speaking one day with one of the clergy of his diocese, who ministered in a tiny village; and the Bishop asked him as to the size of the congregation; and, almost ashamed to acknowledge how few they were, the young clergyman blushing and stammeringly told the humble tale. The Bishop's face lighted up, and he said, "Ah! but you are not counting the angels." No, sir, we do not count the angels when we reckon up our numbers, but they are among us. Who can say how many of the spirits of just men made perfect throng this place to-night? They are gone, and yet they are with us. We are compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses; and we have to rejoice with you, sir. We congratulate you with all our hearts on the wonderful accession to your Church membership during the last four years. We too have great cause to rejoice. I bring you the glad tidings to-night that the census of our Church membership in English Methodism, which has just been published—a class-meeting membership, Bishop—represents the largest increase that English Methodism has known through nineteen long years. We are sure you will greatly rejoice with us.

I might say a good deal, sir, about our difficulties, about our disappointments, about our tragedies. We have our pæans, and we have our tears. We have our triumphs and our heart-breaking defeats. But on the tragic side I will say nothing to-night. The English Methodists did not send me out to you to sadden you. Thomas Carlyle enjoins the English people always to consume their own smoke; and I purpose to-night to take the admirable advice of the sage of Chelsea, and speak only of the luminous side of the Church to which I belong. And I pur-

pose to say a little on English Methodism, ecclesiastically; then on English Methodism doctrinally; and then, if there be time, a little about English Methodism organically; and then, if there be time, sir, I shall go beyond the three points into which every Methodist sermon in England naturally divides itself—if there be time, in the fourth place I will say a little about Methodism evangelistically. I admire your Job-like patience, that you receive these tidings with such great resignation.

What of the Methodism of England ecclesiastically? "How do you stand as a Church?" you say. And you have a right to ask the question. "What is your position as to Churchmanship?" Well, sir, I want to say, if I may be allowed to do so, with special emphasis to the younger people who are in this Conference to-night, that English Methodism most emphatically believes in its own Churchmanship. We are not only "United Societies"; we claim to be a great Church. We unhesitatingly declare that we are part of the "Holy Catholic Church." A little country Methodist lad—it was in the north of England—was reciting the creed at the bidding of the Anglican clergyman of his parish, a little while back; and when he came to the article, "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church," the rugged and audacious lad said, "But, sir, I believe in the Holy Methodist Chapel." The little lad had a confused idea of things, because the Holy Methodist Chapel is essentially a part of the Holy Catholic Church. I will abate no jot of that contention. We are face to face in England with pretentious claims of the Church. We are face to face with Roman Catholicism more audacious in England than it ever was before, using its liberty with an aggressiveness that never marked it before, speaking out with a sonorousness of tone that it never dared to adopt before. We are face to face with something more dangerous still, Mr. President: what is known as High Anglicanism—illicit popery, sailing under false colors. We know how to deal with avowed popery; but unavowed popery that is yet popery in essence—that is one of the great enemies of Methodism in my native land. And they are accustomed to tell us that they are in the apostolic succession. The Romanists say, "We are in the succession"; the Anglican High-churchman says, "We are in the succession"; the Roman Catholics deny it about Anglicans; the Anglicans admit it about the Romanists, but deny it about the Methodist and other free Churches. We are apt to ask them, "In which of the apostles' succession are you found?" For to be in the succession of one of apostles, who shall be nameless, is not to be desired. As Methodists we do not believe in saying that we are in the apostolic succession. We claim that the idea of a lineal succession is what the late learned Dean Alford said—a fiction. But there is a spiritual apostolic succession. Apostolic succession is not of the blood; it is of the soul. They are in the apostolic succession who hold the deposit of apostolic truth and testify that truth. Every man is in the apostolic succession who burns with the ancient apostolic fire; and we claim more than we have ever claimed in English Methodism

before that we have all the notes of a New Testament Church. We say our ministry is valid. We believe in its validity—not because we trust to any figment of lineal succession from the apostles, but because our ministry is a converting ministry and a sanctifying ministry, a scriptural ministry. And we say that our sacraments are valid. We have not seven sacraments as they have, and we are content with two, and we want no more than two; and we say that the Methodist preacher, when he dispenses those sacraments, is as truly in the apostolic succession as any braggart priest that either Romanism or High Anglicanism has known. So we lift up the banner of Churchmanship. We say to our young people, “Ours is a Church.” There are those, sir, who speak of us scornfully as a “religious body.” We say we object to such carnal symbolism. We are Churches—part of the Holy Catholic Church, with the cross of Jesus going on before.

And, sir, let me say as to English Methodism in its ecclesiastic aspect, that we greatly rejoice in our polity. We are not ashamed of it. This week what we call our Synods, answering, I suppose, largely to your Annual Conferences, have been held throughout England. Every Methodist preacher will have been asked this question, or rather his colleagues have been called upon to answer it for him: “Does he believe and preach our doctrines?” Every Methodist preacher has had this question put about him, too: “Does he observe and enforce our Discipline?” Now, Bishop, we believe in our Discipline. The word “Discipline” has fallen on somewhat evil days. It is rather a grim word in these times. It suggests punishment. It suggests much that is dismal and dreary. But the historic use of the word in English Methodism is, I say, of this sort—it refers to our system of Church government and operations. With all our hearts we English Methodists believe in our Discipline. Let me give you an example. We believe, for instance, in our two sessions of Conference. We have the ministerial session. We have a session when laymen and ministers meet together. We believe that any Church that is to be a New Testament Church must recognize our laity; and we are sacredly proud of our laity. We believe that the true conception is not that ministers and laymen are rivals of one another, but that they are allies in the great commonwealth of Methodism. And among the contemporary figures of these two Conferences, that are yet one Conference, we have many, sir, for whom we give special thanks to God. The name of our present president has been read to you, C. H. Kelly, alert, eager, eloquent, more than seventy years of age, but alive with the blaze of youth, elected a second time to the presidency of the Church he loved so well and has served so nobly; Dr. Rigg, much favored in years, the greatest intellect of modern English Methodism, a great theologian, philosopher, statesman, educationalist, splendid Methodist; Dr. Waller, a familiar presence with you, educational expert, master of assemblies, great authority on the polity of our Church, great administrator, who has rendered yeoman

service to our English Methodism; Dr. Henry Pope, our splendid Home Missionary, whose eyes are in his head and whose heart is aflame with passion for the conquest of England for Christ; Dr. W. T. Davison, our eloquent and cultured theologian; Mr. MacDonald, of whom Punshon said that he was wise and winsome, cultured and consecrated, a Hebrew of the Hebrews, and who in his ex-presidential maturity more abundantly merits that splendid tribute; Mr. W. L. Watkinson, who sings to one clear harp in very diverse tones. And then, among our laymen, Mr. R. W. Perks, a member of Parliament, who is as ardent a Methodist as he is a sagacious statesman; very far removed from him politically, but one with him in devotion to Methodism, Sir George H. Chubb, known for many reasons among us, but perhaps best known as the friend of our Methodist sailors and soldiers; Sir Henry Fowler, of the British Cabinet, an eloquent and noble Methodist; Sir George Smith, a man of noble devotion of intellect and heart to the service of his Church; Sir W. H. Stevenson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, a typical Methodist class leader, four times Lord Mayor of his native city; Sir T. G. Osborne, Master of Arts, one of the greatest schoolmasters of England. And we have a great company of unrenowned names in England, hosts of ministers worthy to occupy any pulpit. You do not read their names, but they are known to the Lord; and they are loyal men, circuit ministers, and men of extraordinary devotion. And we have such a company of splendid ministers' wives, the uncredited heroines of English Methodism! We have a goodly company of our local preachers, and an equally goodly company of our teachers, and last but not least the equally goodly company of private members. The common people of Methodism are one of the golden assets of Methodism. Unknown, they are well known; having nothing, they possess all things; poor, they make many rich; dying, behold, they live. Thank God for the mixed multitude of English Methodism!

I wish to say also, sir, that, considered ecclesiastically English Methodism is very loyal to its system, yet not bigoted. There are those who tell us in England—you have no such unenlightened people in America—that to be loyal to your Church is to be bigoted. It is pitiable confusion of terms. Tennyson said, "That man is the truest cosmopolite who loves his native country best." And that man is the truest Catholic who loves his own Church best. We are not bigoted. We write on our amplest banners the gleaming legend that John Wesley traced on his banners: "We are the friends of all, and the enemies of none." A Methodist may be bigoted; but he is not a Wesleyan Methodist if he is bigoted. John Wesley was the broadest of ecclesiastics. The world was his parish, and he had a heart that corresponded to his parish. That spirit is not dead in English Methodism. But for all that, we love our own Church the best. Dr. Punshon said, and we say: "I am not such a churl as not to be able to warm my hands at another man's fire, but after all I love my own fireside best." And that is the verdict of

the Methodism of England. We say to our young people: "Believe in Methodism. When you cease to believe in it, leave it." And we find as a rule, sir, that those who leave do not gain by their departure. We do not think that we entirely lose, either. There is a subtraction, sir, that is really addition. There is a loss that is gain. And the epitaph of many who have left us might be fittingly that of one of the Old Testament kings, of whom it is said, "He departed without being desired."

I am glad to say also that our English Methodist Church is greatly admired of many beyond our borders. I will tell you a secret. We are commonly being told by friends of other communions how they envy us some of our chosen features of Methodism. How pathetically I have often heard Presbyterians, Anglicans, Baptists, Congregationalists, say: "We do envy you your itinerant system." I believe if we gave it up in England, other Churches would receive it. And I do not misrepresent my Church—I know nothing of your condition—when I say that there is not the slightest disposition in England to give it up. I believe, though I do not pose as a prophet, that we may see in a while an addition to the term of itinerancy. But those among us who are most desirous of seeing the extension of the three years term are most emphatic in saying that a limit of the period of ministry is practically necessary to the fruitful working of Methodism in England. Do you know what else they are always telling us they envy us? The Methodist class meeting. I heard Dr. R. W. Dale, perhaps the finest theologian of England in his later years, say this: "In my judgment, your Methodist class meeting is the finest realization of the idea of the communion of saints that the Church has known since the days of the apostles." The best English Methodism pays a glowing tribute to the Methodist class meeting. And they envy us our hymn book, Bishop; and they show the sincerest form of admiration by borrowing many of our hymns. And I am glad to tell you that we are still singing in old England the typical hymns of Methodism—"O for a thousand tongues to sing," "Arise, my soul, arise," "Now I have found the ground wherein," "There is a fountain filled with blood." There are those who tell us we are vulgar in singing such hymns. We say with holy scorn: "Perish your conception of vulgarity! We will sing the hymns our fathers sung." And we do sing them. I am glad to tell you that as a rule we do not leave them all to the choirs, and we find that the singing of the Methodist people is still one of the grandest of the Methodist means of grace. J. R. Green, the great historian of the English people, said that the least result of the Methodist revival was the Methodist people themselves. Of that we have daily demonstrations in my native land. Methodist doctrine is being preached from the pulpits of all Churches; Methodist hymnology sung in all Churches; Methodist methods adopted in all Churches; and best of all, I am glad and thankful to say, Methodist evangelism is more and more permeating the free Churches of England.

Well, sir, our Twentieth Century Fund, to which the credentials made allusion, has not only been a great financial blessing to us as a Church, but it has been a fountain of spiritual benediction. We have laid one million English guineas at Jesus' feet; and we believe he has accepted the offer, and he has showered a largess of grace upon us. And to-day the prospects of Methodism, ecclesiastically, were never brighter. Our tent is pitched toward the sunrise. I really believe, sir, that I shall not go too far if I say that the blessing of Asher rests upon the English Methodists—they are acceptable to their brethren; they are blessed with children; they dip their feet in oil, and go along very smoothly and pleasantly as a rule. Their shoes are iron and brass, and as their day so their strength is.

The late Dr. Joseph Parker, the great divine of the Congregational pulpit, startled many of his coreligionists by saying in one of his last public deliverances: "Whether we like it or not, I believe that the religious future of England is with the Methodists." We accept that prophecy, and hope for its ultimate and absolute fulfillment.

Now, sir, I turn from the contemplation of English Methodism ecclesiastically, and am bold enough to say a little about it doctrinally. Says some one: "How do you stand as to your doctrine?" I will reply in a sentence: "We are emphatically, and unreservedly, and solidly evangelical." And right glad am I to make such a declaration. Other Churches have serious and divisive doctrinal disturbances. There is doctrinal peace within the borders of English Methodism. And one great reason for this is that by the blessing of God we have revived and increased our evangelism. Bishop, evangelism is a doctrinal safeguard to a Church. When you are always on the quest for souls, you are too busy to dote on questions. One used to say that there were many theological questions that we could never agree on, but they were not essential questions. "Therefore," he said, "I move the adjournment of the debate into eternity." I think that that resolution has been carried with large unanimity among the English Methodists. We have no time for idle theological speculation. Evangelism is the buttress of our orthodoxy. I am an old-fashioned theologian, Bishop, and you will allow me perhaps to speak out of the fullness of my heart; and I do not think I shall misrepresent my brethren in England. We are true to the old conception of the plenary inspiration of the Scriptures. The Bible still holds its place among us. It is a crowned and sceptered place. It is the final court of appeal with us. The remark was made by a conservative scholar in England, a while ago, that a very prevalent attitude among Christian scholars in England was this: the attitude of a judge toward the prisoner in the dock. That is an execrable attitude, an illogical attitude that ought to be anathematized. Thank God! it is not the attitude of English Methodists. Rather, the reverse is our attitude; rather, the Bible is the judge and we are the prisoners in the dock. We allow for believing criticism. But when it comes to a question of rationalistic

criticism, we say to the critical gentleman: "There is no room for you, brother, in English Methodism. Our pulpits are not open to you." There are ministers in English Churches who inform their congregations that they are in such an unsettled condition in relation to the Bible that they propose to take a term of study in Germany, until they can solve their problem. When any man says that in our Church, we say, "Go, my friend, and we do not want you back again." We believe in the Bible as the word of God. John Wesley's test is still ours: "Is it according to the Scriptures?" We do not lower the Bible to the level of the inspiration of Shakespeare, or of Browning, or of Tennyson. We believe it has an inspiration different in kind, as well as in degree. And we bow to the Bible as the very revelation of God to man. Still the masses of English Methodism hold the dictum of the great Bishop Chillingworth, a dictum much criticised in many quarters, but true still, that the Bible, and the Bible alone, is the religion of Protestants. I am glad to tell you that the belief in the historic reliability and the essential divineness of the Old Testament is still held among us. We read Christ's Old Testament, and we find it full of things concerning himself. And we believe in the essential divinity of the apostolic writings. There is a word that is a great deal used in some theological latitudes in England to-day—Christocentric. Well, we believe in being Christocentric. But we do not believe in any idea of Christocentricity that involves an assault on the apostles. There are men who are always crying, "Back to Christ!" and they would snub the apostles on the way back. That is not the conception which English Methodism has of the apostolic writings. We believe that they are the writings of the risen Christ. We have a complete Bible, not a tattered Bible. And this is not all; we hold it, too, as the final court of appeal; and we say, it endures forever.

Opening the Bible, if I may be so bold, the Methodism of England rings true on the great essentials. We believe in the doctrine of the Trinity. We believe it essential to a Christian theology. We believe that unique product of revelation to be the only philosophically satisfying and evangelically satisfying conception of God. In the words of Dr. Fairbairn, the great Congregational theologian, it reveals a society in God. We cannot submit for a moment to regard the doctrine of the Trinity as a question of mere metaphysics. We believe it to be evangelically indispensable. Let that go, and the divinity of Christ departs. Christ's cross falls to the earth; the personality and work of the Holy Spirit vanisheth also. Surrender the Trinity, and you destroy the very foundation of the Christian faith. And Methodism says, "In the name of the Lord, no such surrender." We ring true on the deity of Christ. I heard of a Church in England—not a Methodist Church, of course—where they passed a resolution that henceforth the divinity of Christ should be an open question. That could never be an open question with us. The incarnate God he is to us. "My Lord and my God" he is, intellectually and to the experience of Methodism, or that Methodism

is no Methodism. There is no place for Unitarianism within the borders of English Methodism. And we ring true to that group of doctrines that we love in the ancient phraseology of Methodism to describe as "Our Doctrines." Oh! how we love that expression in England—"Our doctrines!" That glorious plural possessive! It has been one of the delights of Methodism. It is one of the choicest words of our vocabulary to-day—"Our doctrines!" Not ours because they belong to no one else, but ours because God has given them to us as a special message that we have to proclaim to the sons of men. Justification by faith—the only article still, as Luther said, of a standing or a falling Church—the only great truth by which you can drive back the ever-encroaching tides of Romanism. The witness of the Spirit—not a philosophical process, not a process of reasoning, not a mere emotionalism, but a divine communication to the soul of acceptance in the Beloved. And last, but not least—and this reference is very appropriate after what was said by my fellow-delegate the other night—the great doctrine of Christian perfection. We are not careful how it is described. But still we are careful that all our people shall press toward it. And we believe with John Wesley that when once we cease to preach the doctrine of Christian perfection spiritual power will go out of the Methodist people, and conversions will cease within our borders. In a word, sir, notwithstanding all sneers and all criticisms, we Methodists in England believe in dogmatic Christianity. There are voices, but they are idle and barren voices, that are always calling for a merely ethical Christianity. I am glad to be able to report that we have not yielded to that demand. No! Where is your ethical Christianity without your dogmatic Christianity? Our dogmas are the roots, the foundation of our ethics. Our theology is the well-head of our morality, and we do not blush in these days to proclaim ourselves still theological Christians. We have a theological pulpit, a theological class meeting, a theological prayer meeting, and a theological evangelism. So much for this rude sketch of English Methodism doctrinally.

Now, in the third place, let me say a little to you about the Methodism that has sent me across the sea to you, organically. I am going to tell you a secret that I will venture to ask shall not go beyond ourselves. Some of us are feeling, many of us are feeling, in English Methodism, and not knowing your local condition I may be the more free to speak it, that our danger to-day is a danger in the direction of somewhat inordinate organization. There is a danger that the preacher have not enough leisure in his study—not enough time to contemplate the great doctrinal realities, that he is not sufficiently quiet in his house, with his Bible and with the august and wonderful truths of our religion. There is a danger of the minister's becoming petty, by having too many more or less earthly duties to fulfill. And we are watching that peril. And each year, as our Conference comes around, some of us enter a mild protest against the piling up of organization; for while organiza-

tion is logically the product of life, there is always a peril that organization shall quench life. I am glad to tell you, however, Bishop, and my brethren, that the organization of English Methodism to-day has most encouraging features. Reference has been made already to our foreign mission work. We mourn the comparative stationariness of our foreign missionary incomes. We think that there are local reasons for that, and that these reasons are vanishing. Our Twentieth Century Fund made an enormous demand upon the generosity of our people. Our home evangelism is greatly taxing us financially. But we feel, sir, that nothing should take precedence over the foreign missionary propaganda. And I am thankful to tell you that we report from our mission field most gladdening results. Take one instance—the latest reports from our Indian districts are the most delightful that we have ever received. The baptisms on declaration of faith of converts from heathenism have been in almost every district of Indian Methodism in the year 1905 at least double what they were in the previous year. All over the mission field the tokens are full of cheer. And I am thankful to say that the missionary conscience in England is being aroused, and we are learning that Methodism which is not missionary is false to its most splendid tradition. Our home missionary department, sir, was never so virile and effective as it is to-day. We are carrying on a wonderful work, through grace, in the evangelism of England. We are building in our great cities large halls, into which we are gathering multitudes. No single one of these is anything but crowded on Sabbath evening, and no one of them seats less than twenty-five hundred people. We are getting into those halls men and women who would not come into ordinary churches. We are saying, "If they will not come into our churches, and will come into these big halls, then, in the name of the Lord, let them have the halls." All over our English cities we are planting these great halls. They are thronged to the door. In the case of every one of them conversions take place from Sabbath to Sabbath. The day of little mission rooms is forever passed in England. We have taken a leaf out of the American book, and we have got to love bigness; and so instead of building these little halls, we are putting up great and noble structures. Not one of these structures is anything but elegant. We have learned that the poorest people, for whom these halls are designed, have a right to the most artistic and sumptuous building. We honor the poor. But we are not only erecting these great mission halls—we are doing an equally splendid work in adapting our down-town churches for evangelistic purposes. We are taking care to select as the minister of such a church not a dull man, for we have no such; not an uncultured man—there is no greater or crueller sophism, sir, than that the masses will be content with an uncultured, uneloquent, ineffective ministry. We are putting into our down-town churches, in the poorest districts, some of our most cultured and eloquent ministers. We say the best is not too good for the common people; and these common people

are responding right royally to the endeavors we are making in their behalf. Then, we are doing a great evangelistic work in our villages. The villages of England feed the cities and towns. There are pouring out from our English villages, day by day, into our great towns and cities, such streams of young men and young women! We feel how important it is that the village churches should reach them for Christ, and that as they drift up into the great cities they should be evangelized and Methodized. We are grouping a number of our village circuits that were very weak, and had lost heart, together. We are strengthening them by merging them with neighboring circuits. We are giving them a more effective class of ministers. We have raised their hope and courage and enthusiasm. And I am glad to tell you that the village Methodism of England to-day is in a position full of hope and cheer, and God, who is working mightily in the cities, is working with equal might in the villages and hamlets of our native land.

Our home mission department is also doing a great and wonderful work in our army and navy. We are proud of all our sons, but there are no sons of Methodism of whom we are more proud than of our Methodist soldiers and Methodist sailors. And associated with our home missionary department there is being carried on a fine social and philanthropic work. We are setting up everywhere the institutional church. We believe that in this we are going back to the spirit and methods of John Wesley. We are caring for the bodies of people as well as for their souls. John Wesley set up a dispensary, found work for the unemployed, circulated cheap literature among the poor, wrote "Primitive Physic" for the common people. Some doctors say it is very primitive, but John Wesley said his prescriptions had been tried, and that meant a great deal, especially for the people who tried them. Now this forward movement, paradoxical though the statement be, is really a backward movement. We are recovering John Wesley's philanthropy, as we are recovering his evangelism. The only danger we fear is that institutionalism should occupy too large a place. When the institution overwhelms the Church, it is disastrous indeed. But I think that generally we are watching successfully against that peril.

I am glad to report, sir, that our theological institutions are in a prosperous condition. Never had we a better band of professors, or a more promising company of young sons of the prophets. And never was there a freer sympathy on the part of the common people of Methodism with those training institutions out of which the ministers of the future are to come. We have been recently legislating as a Conference in the interests of our local preachers. I am glad to tell you that the lay preacher is well to the front in English Methodism. Probably five out of seven pulpits of England are supplied from Sunday to Sunday with local preachers. We have lay preachers of eloquence, of theological attainments, and, best of all, of homiletical power that is qualified to make them worthy of the best pulpits of our land. I am glad

to say that our local preacher system in England is being maintained with even more than its ancient efficiency. We have been legislating in the interests of our class leaders. You sometimes hear it wafted across the Atlantic that there is a class meeting difficulty in English Methodism. It would be more correct to say that there is a class leader difficulty in English Methodism. We find that just as when you get an effective and useful preacher there are people who feel called to come and hear him, so when you get an effective and useful class leader persons are disposed to rally around him. I am glad to say that lately we have paid great honor to our class leaders. We feel that nothing is more urgently necessary than to keep the class meeting efficient and in fine working order in our borders. One of the most encouraging features is that the most largely attended of those meetings, in country and town, are the classes of young men and young women. We believe it is vital to English Methodism that these meetings for testimony be maintained unimpaired among us. We will keep up our preaching, so help us God. But we read our New Testament to this effect, that there are two great instrumentalities in the Church—first, preaching, and secondly, testimony; and may God keep the flame of testimony burning within the borders of Methodism throughout the wide world!

Allusion was made, in the letter read from our Conference, to our Chapel Fund. That term does not sound poetic, but there is a great deal of poetry represented in the work of that fund. The Twentieth Century Fund of a million guineas has involved us in chapel and school building schemes that represent four millions of English money. The more they criticise Methodism, the more we build new Methodist chapels. The more they say Methodism is dead, the more we build Methodist chapels. The more they tell us we are dying, the more careful we are to build new Methodist chapels. The work of building chapels never went on so triumphantly as now.

I am glad to report, as one of the most effective aspects in English Methodism, organically, that we are doing a great work among our young people. Our Sunday schools are being efficiently maintained. We have a larger roll of Sunday-school scholars in English Methodism to-day than we ever had in the years of our past, and for that we greatly thank God. Our Wesley Guilds are doing an excellent work in inspiring the young men and young women with a knowledge of Methodist history, with the fine contagion of the hereditary Methodist spirit; and we look for great issues from that comparatively recent organization.

The temperance cause is making headway among us. We believe that if the Church is apathetic in regard to the demon of strong drink, it will lose its power and prestige among the common people. And I am glad to say that never was the temperance cause more dear to the Methodist people than to-day. Strong drink is England's great curse; and we know full well that unless the Churches in England throttle that serpent, it will throttle the England that we love so well.

Our Children's Home is numerically and financially more prosperous than ever. Our deaconess work is developing most encouragingly and successfully among us. And last, but not least, sir, and not before time, you will say, our Methodist literature was, I believe, never more ably conducted. We could wish it a larger circulation, but it was never more worthy to be appreciated, and I believe it never was more heartily appreciated than it is now by the masses of our English Methodism. So that, organically, I think we can give a good account of ourselves.

And now lastly, and, as we preachers say, but a word, and I thank you for your majestic patience. What of English Methodism evangelistically? Already I have alluded to it; and I want to recur to it, for I believe that it is the vital element of the situation to-day. Now on ordinary lines, and now on special lines, we are doing a great evangelistic work. I am anxious to emphasize the fact that we are doing a great evangelistic work on ordinary lines. You hear often of great halls, of our special missions, of the Churches that we are working on what are called special lines; but I want to have the joy of saying that more than ever for years in English Methodism we have revived the idea of ordinary evangelism. "Every minister his own evangelist" is one of the watchwords of English Methodism to-day. I am glad to say that not only in those special realms of evangelistic service; but in the ordinary church and chapel of English Methodism to-day, in country and in town, evangelism is more and more the central thought, the great purpose, and the supreme endeavor. Methodism lives by evangelism. Names that you never hear, of circuit ministers of English Methodism, are names dear to God, we believe, because those men unknown to fame are from Sabbath to Sabbath and from day to day laboring to make full proof of their ministry by devoted evangelism. I am to tell you that the evangelism of English Methodism is adaptive. Now we go to the suburbs with a cultured congregation, with the sons and daughters of wealth; and we preach to them nothing but the grand old gospel, the one message of salvation by the precious blood of Christ. We go to slumdom in our great cities, and we preach to the besotted people there the one everlasting gospel. We believe that individual regeneration is still the one sure pathway to social amelioration and to political amelioration. We say educate, educate, educate; legislate, legislate, legislate; but we say with most reverberating emphasis, regenerate, regenerate, regenerate. Everywhere we are declaring what by the grace of God John Wesley loved to declare, that men must be born again. And I am thankful to say—oh, so thankful! more thankful than I could ever express—that more and more in our English Methodism this idea is gripping us; that not only every minister should be his own evangelist, but every individual Methodist should be an evangelist—every local preacher, every class leader, every steward, every trustee, every man and woman and little child, all at it, always at it, with the noblest form of altruism, the publishing of the gospel of salvation. One of your

great evangelical American divines said, "Only a saving Church is worth saving." And only a saving Church will be saved.

They talk much, and some talk foolishly, about the Church of the future. There are many prophets in England, at any rate, who are always telling us what the Church of the future will be. One of these prophets—not a Methodist—said a while ago: "The Church of the future will run a theater, will run a drink saloon." We say, "No, it will run them down." The Church of the future is surely the Church that holds with most loving, vehement tenacity to the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. The Church of the future is the Church that has a great dominating passion, and that passion to win men for the Lord Jesus Christ. The Church of the future is the Church that says: "The true ideal is not that we should be a snug, respectable club, but we should be an evangelistic agency, not enjoying only, but spreading everywhere the joy that has made us glad with the everlasting gladness." The Church of the future must be adaptive. Conditions will change. The accent of the message may alter, and the emphasis may vary; but the message will always be the same—"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," "the blood of Jesus cleanseth us from all sin," "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," "by grace are ye saved, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." The Church of the future must have this great rubric of ritual: "When the Spirit of the Lord shall come upon them, they will do as occasion may serve." It must take a leaf out of the book of the brave men who, bearing a paralytic to Christ and finding that the stairway was not available, uncovered the roof and let the paralytic down. The Church of the future must not simply say, "We will do what Wesley did." The Church of the future must say: "We will live as Wesley lived; we will have his spirit. Our one real enthusiasm in life and death shall be to lead the wandering sheep to the Shepherd who shed his blood to redeem them." Yes, the times may change; new demands may be made upon us; but in the name of the Lord we will be equal to them.

New occasions teach new duties;
 Time makes ancient good uncouth;
 They must upward still and onward
 Who would keep abreast of truth.
 Lo! before us gleam her camp fires,
 We ourselves must pilgrims be,
 Launch new Mayflowers, and steer boldly
 Through the desperate winter sea.

ADDRESS OF REV. W. W. PINSON, D.D., TO THE COLORED METHODIST EPISCOPAL GENERAL CONFERENCE, AT
MEMPHIS, TENN., MAY 13, 1906.

Mr. President: I come bearing no olive branch, for the peace existing between us needs no symbol to confirm it. I come with no apologies nor explanations, for they would be an impertinence on my lips. I simply come to speak right out with unvarnished heartiness the fraternal greetings of 1,600,000 of your fellow-Methodists of our sunny Southland. We rejoice with you that amid all the misunderstandings and bitterness of the past generation there has been nothing to disturb the serenity of our fellowship, and that your people and my people can join without discord in the angel chorus of peace and good will.

There are ties that bind us to all the branches of the great Wesleyan household, but the ties that bind us to the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church are peculiar. You are the ecclesiastical and lineal descendants of those who in the days of the old South, when, in the language of Uncle Remus, "Christmas shorely wuz Christmas," heard the gospel from the lips of our bishops and pastors and missionaries, and rejoiced with them in the great salvation. You perpetuate the memories of what was best and tenderest in the relation between the races, and perpetuate also a chapter in the history of our Church of which she is justly proud.

In the great controversy of 1844, which resulted in the division of the Methodist Episcopal Church into two branches, the Southern delegates stood for the continued privilege of preaching the gospel to the slaves from which they were in danger of being cut off. Bishop Joshua Soule, a native of Maine, who adhered to the Southern branch, said: "The only subject that has touched my sympathy during this whole discussion is the condition of my suffering brethren of the colored race. Could I restore bleeding Africa to freedom, I would gladly do it. But I cannot. And if I cannot burst the bonds of the colored man, I will not strengthen them." At the beginning of the war we had in our communion over two hundred thousand colored people as a result of our labors.

It gives me pleasure to quote from the Quadrennial Episcopal Address delivered to our General Conference, now in session at Birmingham: "We call to your attention our relation to the negroes of the South, and invite you to consider, in view of present conditions, what other and wiser plans can be adopted for serving their spiritual and educational needs. Many years ago the General Conference declared that 'our missions to the negroes are the crowning glory of Southern Methodism.' The names of William Capers, James O. Andrew, Lovick Pierce, and other apostolic men are linked in undying wedlock to that great work. For the redemption of that people they withheld naught of Christian sympathy and evangelical toil."

When we set you apart to keep house for yourselves, thirty-six years ago, we did not forget nor forsake you. We have rejoiced in your prosperity, and it has been our pleasure to aid you in your struggle. If we have not helped you more, it is partly because we have been so put to our best to help ourselves. When we set you apart, we were neither strong nor rich. We were just climbing up out of a desolating war. In the midst of a thousand difficulties, we were seeking to gain our feet among the ecclesiastical forces and reform our scattered battalions for the battle against sin in our land. We had more debts than assets, more hopes than realities. Our missionary operations were in the midst of an anæmic and stunted infancy; our publishing interests were little more than a name, ornamented with a mortgage and a war claim; our colleges were few, feeble, and unendowed. But we had faith in God and a good stock of pluck and determination. And through untold labors and difficulties we have forged ahead. To-day, as we look back, we can cry in unfeigned gratitude and astonishment, "Behold what God hath wrought!"

We now number 1,613,309 communicants; 1,039,789 Sunday-school scholars. We have 185 schools and colleges, valued at \$7,000,000, with an aggregate endowment of over \$3,000,000, and with 29,000 students. We had in 1870 four missionaries; we now have, of all classes, two hundred and fifty foreign missionaries, and a total of four hundred and fifty other workers in seven mission fields, with over 17,000 members. In 1870 we contributed less than \$100,000 for both home and foreign missions; last year we contributed \$900,000. We are planning for yet larger things, and there is a spirit of hope and courage among us. We expect great things from God, while we plan great things for God.

Our Quadrennial General Conference, now in session at Birmingham, has before it some grave difficulties, not the least of which is to persuade several reluctant brethren to undertake the onerous duties of the episcopacy. If reports be true, the spirit of heroism is strong enough even for that altar to find victims willing to be offered. I think it is understood that there are not wanting men among you who would not dodge Elijah's falling mantle. It is not of so much concern to us, or you, who catches it, as that when caught the honorable old garment may still have power to divide the Jordan of difficulties and settle the faith of the younger prophets.

Mr. President, there are many things we have in common. We have a common country. We can join the common chorus, "My country, 'tis of thee." If this is not your country, you have no country. You were born here, you will die here, and here will you be buried. All our ancestors came from somewhere, except those of a few Indians, and it is a little less their country than anybody's. But we were born here, and I fancy the sensible ones among us are glad of it. It is a good country to be born in, and a very hard country to leave. We are not going to leave it; and, if there is anything in appearance, more of you are coming than leaving. The last decade of 1900 showed over a mil-

lion and a half increase in the colored population, and very few of them foreigners. You are not only increasing in numbers, but in wealth, in intelligence, in taxes, in earning capacity. According to Henry W. Grady, you add a billion dollars to the wealth of the country every year. In 1865 your race owned only \$35,000,000 in property; in 1890 you owned twenty times as much, or \$700,000,000 worth. You own 40,000,000 acres of land. About 2,000,000 of your race own homes. You pay \$3,000,000 in taxes, and you receive \$450,000,000 in wages annually. In the Southern states you own 15 per cent of the farms, and raise 25 per cent. of the produce. You are not foreigners; you are children of the soil, and are fixing more and more the status of your citizenship.

The question is being asked, "Can the two races live together?" Our answer is, "Just watch us and see." We are doing it. We are in the position of John Stuart Mill, when in the hearing of his common-sense old mother he whined, "I wish I had never been born." She replied simply: "But, John, you are." That is just it. We are here, and here to work out the destiny of a great country side by side.

Moreover, we are to live together in the South. You are not going North. If you do, you will come back. Of the 9,000,000 of negroes, there are only 500,000 in the North. There are more in the one city of New Orleans than in all New England. There are more in Alabama than in all the free states, and I noticed the other day that even the border state of Missouri is losing its colored population. There are more colored people now than there were of the whole population ninety years ago. The increase of your race is as great every three years as the whole forcible importation of slaves numbered in two hundred years. At this rate it will be a long time before the black belt fades out.

I dare say that despite all the flamboyant editorials and doctrinaire essays and "muddyphysical" speeches on this problem befogging the atmosphere, the Southern negro and the sensible Southern white man understand each other better than any two races ever understood each other on this earth, and, on the whole, get along better together. They know, moreover, that they have got very little time to spend in mere quibbling and discussion, least of all for animosities and recriminations. We rise or fall together, and by the grace of God we will rise. Your own great leader, Booker Washington, said: "Nearly 16,000,000 black hands will aid you in pulling the load upward, or pull against you in pulling the load downward." There is point in his story of the colored man who commented on immigration to the South thus: "We don't want no mo' white folks to come to de South; got as many here now as we negroes can take kere of." But there is another side even to that. The people you take care of must take care of you. Four hundred and fifty million dollars in wages represent your side of the equation. One of your own color has said: "The opportunity to earn one dollar is more important than the opportunity to spend one in an opera house." That opportunity millions of eager hands are reaching after, but it is yours before any other comers under these Southern skies,

and for the hands that help and the hearts that are loyal and peace-loving, by the grace of God, shall always be. It is the bad, the idle, that make trouble always. But worth, backed up by deeds, will always win.

In the city of Columbus, Georgia, I stood beside the form of an unknown colored man who had just given his life in an heroic effort to save his white boss. There was a cave-in in a deep trench in the street. The white city engineer was caught. The negro sprang to the rescue, and was killed. They were both dead when removed. A short time afterwards, the City Council, at the expense of the city, ordered a marble monument to mark the grave and commemorate the deed of this obscure, unknown man. Deeds will count. When, at San Juan Hill, the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry rushed to the rescue of Theodore Roosevelt, who, but for them, had never lived to be President, singing as they made that gallant charge, amid the applause of a nation, they consecrated anew your citizenship under the flag with a baptism of blood.

We have a common history. It is not a faultless history, for it is human. It is not as we would have it, but it is as we must have it, for we cannot undo it. It reaches back into days that tried men. It has its chapters of beauty, and on its rough and rugged front many a blooming landscape, and amid its rocks many a seam of gold. I am not called upon to hold a brief for slavery. I would not assume the task. But all else aside, I think it can be safely said that the four millions of negroes who came out from slavery were in better condition mentally, morally, and religiously than that many negroes had ever been in on the earth before. There were almost one-half as many colored people in our communion as there are now of Protestants in the whole continent of Africa. To-day there are seven times as many negro Protestants in the South as there are in the 200,000,000 of Africa, and they are ten times as well off in everything else. The author of "Day-break in the Dark Continent" declares (page 188): "This awful traffic was overruled for the good of Africa. The tragedy and pathos of slavery burned into the consciences of Christian people. The slave with his manacled hands pleaded in pantomime for the manacled souls of his race. It was to the unconscious appeal of the slave that Christian philanthropy responded with the Sierra Leone and Liberia colonies for freedmen. The organization of the first Methodist missions for Liberia was inspired by the missionary zeal of a negro."

In the South five hundred thousand pagans found the industries, a civilization, and the gospel. Not only so, they came into a relation to the white race of confidence and tender sympathy that will never be duplicated. When the storm of war broke over the land, the men of the South went to the front, leaving their homes in the charge of their slaves; and when they returned, they found their confidence had not been misplaced. "A thousand torches would have disbanded the Southern army, but there was not one." Instead, the faithful slave slept

across the threshold many a long night, guarding mistress and children with his own life; and the helpless ones slept soundly behind that stronghold of fidelity.

Fond mothers tenderly embraced their boys, and printed their farewell kiss on their cheeks, then committed them to trusted black men, who had been their companions from childhood, and sent them away to the bloody battle line, confident that they would not lack a friend. And they were not disappointed. Amid shot and shell, through scenes of danger and horror, these slaves followed, tended, nursed, and comforted their young masters; bore them wounded or dead from the field, received their last sad, tender message home, and carried their accounting with sincere tears to the heartbroken mothers. That is history, and you can't rub it out.

There is another side. In the dark days, when the old slave needed a friend, when the larder was empty, or misfortune fell, he found that friend in his old master: shelter and food, and a hand to close his eyes, and mourners to follow him to the grave.

At a camp meeting in Georgia I saw Uncle Jake. His white hair, bleached by ninety summers, formed an aureole for his ebony black face. He had not missed a camp meeting in sixty years. In the separation of 1870 he refused to separate, and remained with the white Church. He said the first person he would meet in heaven would be old master; and when asked how he lived, he replied, "My boys never lets me want"—meaning his master's sons, then living. The last night of the meeting there was no preaching—Uncle Jake told his experience. Nobody sneered; nobody doubted his faith and piety. We sang his favorite song, "Come, Angel Band." He got rapturously happy. Penitents were called, and at least two hundred knelt at the altar, and I have scarcely ever witnessed such a scene. Before another camp meeting the angel band had come, and he and his old master had clasped hands where the mists had rolled away.

Let no rash hand seek to obliterate, no hasty or malicious speech traduce that tender and beautiful chapter in a unique history which made possible such things. It is yours and ours to keep alive as a consecrating memory, and to repeat as an antidote to race antagonisms.

A COMMON CREED.

We have a common creed. That is to say, we are Methodists. No matter how much we may divide and differ in other respects, Methodists cling to their simple evangelical creed. It has been said that a fragment of one of the masterpieces of Phidias would be sufficient to reveal the genius of that great sculptor. So a fragment of the great Methodist body always reveals the genius of its common creed. A universal atonement, justification by faith, the witness of the Spirit—these are some of the things that amid all the changes and creed revisions we have not even questioned as Methodists. And it is significant that there has never been a division among us on the ground of credal dif-

ference. The gospel as preached by us has won and still wins among men.

The simplicity of the Methodist faith appeals to the colored people. Professor Washington tells the story of a colored woman who went to an Episcopal church, and by some means got happy. She disturbed the serenity by her rejoicing. An usher bade her be quiet. She exclaimed, "I have got religion!" He replied, "This is a church. This is no place to get religion." Your people want a place to get religion. The old negro gave a pretty good answer to the critic of his simple faith. Uncle Ben came in to make a fire in the morning. He had been out the night before to a revival meeting. The critic said to him: "Why do you go to those meetings? Don't you know you have no soul?" "No, sir, I don't know dat. But ef I ain't got no soul, all I kin say is, 'ligion makes my old body powerful happy."

It is an astonishing fact that of the 3,500,000 colored Church members only about one in fifty-five is anything but a Methodist or a Baptist, and it is a close race between the Methodist army and the Baptist navy. In America, one negro in every three is a member of some Church. About one in every six is a Methodist. In Africa, one in every four hundred is a Protestant. So the chances for salvation are as three to four hundred in favor of your race in America. At that rate your 9,000,000 if in Africa would have 25,000 Christians instead of 3,500,000.

There is a great deal of responsibility to that other three hundred and ninety-five of Africa's four hundred resting upon each of the Methodists in America, for it is evident that the Methodist faith is to play a large part in the redemption of the Dark Continent. I pray that the day may soon come when all the nearly 2,000,000 of negro Methodists in America may be mustered into one army to move in solid column on the sin and ignorance of their people at home, and to form a mighty Methodist army for the invasion of the Dark Continent; and that the 5,000,000 of white Methodists may join hands to aid and cheer you in your mighty mission.

THE REVIVAL.

The need now of universal Methodism is a great revival. If we would perpetuate the heritage of the mighty past, we must be a revival people. It is not our mission as Methodists to perpetuate ecclesiastical machinery or forms of administration, but the life and spirit of the great Methodist revival. Its forms, its machinery were the outgrowth of its life and power. It is a reversal and a travesty to multiply the machinery when the power is lacking. Methodism has been called Christianity in earnest; and if it has not a mission to maintain this reputation, then it has no mission. It came to a Church that was drugged with the anodyne of formalism like a bugle call to a sleeping army. It charged the sluggish atmosphere with the electric thrill of a new spiritual energy. It disturbed the complacency of wealth and fashion with the re-

lentless demands of righteousness. It restated the doctrine of guilt and also of holiness. It rescued the doctrine of the witness of the Spirit from oblivion. It flamed on the debauched materialism of the times with the fires of a new Pentecost, and startled men into awe and reverence.

It is needed again. Crime is rampant. It is enough to appall the stoutest heart to contemplate its awful prevalence. Law seems almost powerless to cope with it. There is a frightful amount of corruption in high places. Greed is in the saddle, and luxury is on the throne. Intemperance, like a huge octopus, holds the country in its relentless grasp. Licentiousness, gaming, and murder pollute the life of our cities, and go unwhipped of justice. Your race in the cities falls an easy victim to these vices and crimes, which degrade and in places threaten almost to destroy them. Nothing but a revival of the sort that saved England in the eighteenth century from the fate of France and started the Anglo-Saxons forward on a new career, such as saved America in the nineteenth century and made it able to endure a great civil war and yet survive, will suffice.

Not a revival of emotionalism, but of spirituality. Not of ecstasies, nor visions, nor trances, but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost; that shall make sin hideous, the judgment awful, and holiness attractive; a revival of honesty, integrity, and brotherly love. Not like that of the old brother who shouted but did not pay. In the midst of his vociferous rejoicing he was approached and asked if he would pay a certain debt. He said: "Lem me 'lone; 'ligion's 'ligion, an' business is business; an' I fur one ain' gwine mix 'em.' We want a revival that will mix 'em.

It is coming; already there are the signs of its coming. And when it comes, it will do more to solve the race problem than all the ranting pamphleteers that ever vexed a long-suffering public; more than all the laws on the statute books or other mere clumsy machinery of civilization. We, who are prophets of righteousness, should cry aloud and spare not. We must show ourselves men of God—zealous for righteousness, men of one work, whose souls are with love aflame, and whose lips have been touched with prophetic fire. For a time-serving, easy-going, self-seeking ministry can never arouse the conscience. Only the voice of one crying in the wilderness, all oblivious to what men can give or take, can meet the demands of the hour.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON FEDERATION.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: We desire to report that during the quadrennium just passed we have had only one meeting with the Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This meeting was held in the city of Baltimore, April 18, 19, 1906, and was in every respect harmonious and fraternal. A full minute of its proceedings is hereby filed for the use of the Committee on Federation.

It will be seen that a resolution was passed by the Joint Commission suggesting the formation of a definite plan for the interchange of ministers between the two Churches by the exercise of the transfer power on the part of the bishops, under due limitations and restrictions. The most important action had, however, was the following:

"Resolved, That the growth of the spirit of fraternity and of practical federation between evangelical Churches in many communities, and especially in this country between the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, suggests the advisability of instituting a Federal Council for these two Churches, which, without interfering with the autonomy of the respective Churches, and having no legislative functions, shall yet be invested with advisory powers in regard to world-wide missions, Christian education, the evangelization of the unchurched masses, and the charitable and brotherly adjustment of all conflicts and misunderstandings that may arise between the different branches of Methodism."

It is our belief that the spirit of fraternity is steadily growing between the two Churches. If the agreements already reached, and the solemn compacts already made, are faithfully kept, a great deal of unchristian friction may be avoided. That they may be kept is our sincere hope. The time has fully come when neither Church should for one moment think of promoting its own interests at the expense of the other. Mere maneuvering for position is unworthy of Christian men. Lust for ecclesiastical empire is far from being identical with zeal for the kingdom of God.

The whole movement for federation proceeds upon the supposition that Episcopal Methodism in these United States is essentially one. For either branch of it to assume airs of patronage or superiority is to nullify and defeat the good work that has already been accomplished and to render still greater achievements impossible.

Where either Church is doing fairly well the work that is expected of it, the other should frankly recognize it as a sufficient Methodism, and should not embarrass its activities by pushing in and trying to set up a rival congregation. If federation does not mean at least this much, then it is a sounding brass and a clanging cymbal—a mere name

without any reality behind it. Our common honesty, to say nothing of respect for the higher ethics of our holy religion, forbids us to go through the forms of friendly recognition and intercourse, and at the same time to continue the policy of contention and rivalry. We suggest that this Conference deliver itself of so clear a pronouncement as shall leave no room for doubt concerning its position on this important subject.

A. W. WILSON, *President*.

E. E. HOSS, *Secretary*.

MINUTES OF THE JOINT COMMISSION ON FEDERATION.

The Joint Commission on Federation of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in the library of the Rev. Dr. John F. Goucher, Baltimore, Md., April 18, 1906. The following members were present from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South: Bishop J. C. Granbery (in place of Bishop Wilson), Bishop E. E. Hoss, Dr. J. H. Dye, Dr. E. B. Prettyman, and Major R. W. Jones. From the Methodist Episcopal Church: Bishop C. D. Foss, Bishop J. M. Walden, Dr. J. F. Goucher, Dr. H. J. Jackson, Dr. R. J. Cooke, Mr. T. B. Sweet, Judge Thomas H. Murray. Robert T. Miller was unavoidably delayed, but would be present later.

Bishop Cyrus D. Foss called the Commission to order and nominated Bishop Granbery chairman for this session. Bishop Granbery took the chair and called on Bishop Walden to lead in prayer. Bishop Foss then stated the occasion for the call of the Commission, and presented a copy of the letter sent to the Senior Bishops of Colored Methodist Episcopal Churches, as follows:

"2043 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 6, 1906.

"To the Rev., Senior Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"*Dear Bishop:* For ten years there has been a Joint Commission on Federation appointed by order of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the purpose of promoting closer fraternity and more efficient federation between these Churches. This continuous effort has been very beneficial, not only in developing a deeper sympathy and more fraternal relations between these two Churches, but the following definite results have been realized, namely:

"A common hymnal has been prepared and adopted.

"A common catechism has been prepared and adopted.

"A common order for conducting the Sabbath services in their churches has been adopted.

"In some places the organization of new societies by one of these Churches, at places where the other Church is doing the work of Methodism fairly well, has been prevented, and

"In a number of places one weak society of each of these Churches has been consolidated into a single strong society.

"The address 'to Methodists throughout the world,' issued by the Third Ecumenical Methodist Conference, assembled in Wesley's Chapel, London, in 1901, says:

"It was, of course, to be expected that in our Conference the sentiment of Methodist Union should receive an impetus: All the choice spirits of Methodism are praying for it, even though for the present they may deem it to be impracticable. The story of the progress and triumphs of United Methodism in Canada is itself the strongest of all arguments for union, and since the last Ecumenical Conference, Methodist Union has been consummated in Australasia.

"... One thing is clear; the trend of Methodism is in the right direction. Nor can we be too thankful that the secret of this dream of union and the desire for it lie in a deep, rich, common spiritual experience; for the nearer we get to God, the nearer do we get to one another."

"The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the year 1904 provided for the continuance of its Commission on Federation, and gave that Commission sundry instructions, including the following:

"We recommend that the Commission on Federation take such steps as it may deem wise and necessary to bring about a closer unity and greater fraternity and coöperation in Christian work between the Colored Methodist Churches having an Episcopal form of government."

"Whereas, two of these Churches, the African Methodist Episcopal and the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, are now holding General Conference sessions, we suggest that they, and the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church of America and other Methodist bodies in the United States, be invited to join with us in the use of the common hymnal, the common order of worship, and the common catechism."

"Under these instructions the Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at a meeting held in New York on March 21, 22, 1906, appointed a committee consisting of Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, Rev. John F. Goucher, LL.D., and Hon. Thomas H. Murray, to enter into correspondence with the Churches indicated for the purposes specified.

"In initiating such correspondence we need hardly say that the Methodist Episcopal Church is profoundly interested in the welfare of the negro race. Its very large contributions for schools and churches for colored people give ample proof of such interest. It has under its care about three hundred thousand colored Church members, and as many more Sunday-school scholars; and it maintains for colored students twenty-three schools, including some colleges, theological schools, medical schools, and industrial schools, valued at more than a million and a quarter of dollars. We greatly rejoice in the intellectual, moral, and religious progress of the colored race, and believe that such progress

would be promoted by the increase of fraternity between the various branches of Episcopal Methodism among colored people.

"Permit us, in our representative capacity, as a committee constituted for this purpose, to suggest that the appointment by each of the Colored Methodist Churches of a Commission on Federation for mutual conference with similar Commissions would doubtless tend toward the fulfillment of the Saviour's prayer 'that they all may be one.' Organic union may not be practicable at an early day, nor at the present time altogether desirable; but surely through some well-considered and carefully guarded plans of federation much can be done to develop a warmer fraternal spirit, to prevent the unnecessary 'setting up of altar against altar,' and possibly to secure coöperation in educational enterprises; and in these and other ways to hasten the coming of the kingdom. Moreover, the meeting of the authorized representatives of almost two million colored Church members for fraternal and prayerful consultation about the interests of their race would of itself be a very impressive object lesson to all the Churches and to the whole country.

"We lay this matter before you as the Senior Bishop of the Church you represent, trusting that you will submit it to the consideration of your colleagues and to such other persons as may be officially interested. We also send a copy of this letter to the Senior Bishop of each of the Churches specially referred to in the instructions from our General Conference.

"Praying for the blessing of God on this effort to promote his glory, and requesting your early acknowledgment that you have received this communication, we subscribe ourselves on behalf of the Commission on Federation of the Methodist Episcopal Church,

"Very truly yours,

"CYRUS D. FOSS,

"JOHN F. GOUCHER,

"THOMAS M. MURRAY,

"Committee."

Recess was then taken to enable the Commissioners of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to consider the several subjects proposed as the object of the meeting.

At noon the entire Joint Commission, on invitation, was entertained at an elegant luncheon in the home of the Rev. Dr. J. F. Goucher and members of his family.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Commission again met at three o'clock, Bishop Foss in the chair. Dr. Prettyman led the devotions. Mr. Robert T. Miller, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Dr. James Atkins, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, arrived and took their places in the Commission. Dr. Atkins presented the regrets of Bishop Wilson that he was unable to be present, and on motion the Secretary was ordered to convey to

Bishop Wilson the kind regards of the Commission and its sympathy with him in his illness. This was done by Bishop Hoss.

Dr. Goucher read a paper itemizing the progress of the principle of Federation among the Protestant denominations in this and other countries.

Bishop Walden moved that Dr. Goucher and Bishop Hoss be constituted a committee to prepare a minute on this subject for our record, and also to prepare and publish a statement setting forth the facts which are so clearly indicative of the growth of practical fraternity.

It was also moved that Bishop Hoss and Bishop Walden draw up a minute expressing the great satisfaction of this Commission relative to facts presented by Dr. Goucher, and that they prepare the above paper for publication.

Bishop Walden moved that the proposition for the interchurch transfer of ministers be now considered.

After much discussion, Dr. Prettyman moved that this subject be referred to a committee. Further discussion led to the withdrawal of this motion, and Bishop Hoss moved that, "It is the sense of this Joint Commission that a definite plan should be formed for the interchange of ministers between the Methodist Episcopal Churches by the exercise of the transfer power on the part of the bishops, under due limitations and restrictions."

At this juncture Bishop Cranston was introduced to the Commission. He announced to the Commission the news of a terrible earthquake in San Francisco. Bishop Foss called the Commission to prayer led by Bishop Cranston, who invoked Divine help for the stricken people.

The consideration of the transfer of ministers was resumed, and after full discussion the resolution by Bishop Hoss was unanimously adopted. It was moved that this resolution be now referred to a committee composed of Bishop Hoss and Bishop Walden, with instructions to formulate a plan for the practical operation of the same.

Federation relating to the Colored Methodist Episcopal Churches was next considered. This subject was discussed by Bishops Hoss and Walden.

It was moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet next day at 9 A.M.

On motion, the Commission adjourned, Bishop Foss pronouncing the benediction.

THIRD SESSION.

The Commission met at 9 A.M. Thursday, April 19, 1906, Bishop Granbery in the chair. Dr. H. J. Jackson led in prayer. The minutes of the two previous sessions were read and approved.

Bishop Hoss read a letter from Bishop Duncan expressing his regret at his inability to be present.

Bishop Walden read a report from the committee appointed to consider the best methods of putting the Plan of Federation into operation

in the case of weak churches. After elaborate discussion and various amendments, the report was unanimously adopted.*

On motion of Bishop Foss, the report of the committee on the subject of the interchurch transfer of ministers was accepted, as expressing the judgment of this Commission.*

An extensive general conversation followed, initiated by Bishop Hoss, on the subject of a Federal Council of Methodism, which ended in the appointment of a committee composed of Bishops Foss and Hoss to report proper resolutions on the subject.

On motion, the Commission adjourned till 2:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Commission met at 2 P.M., Bishop Foss in the chair. Dr. Dye led the devotions.

The Rev. Dinsdale T. Young, Fraternal Delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, from the British Wesleyan Conference, was introduced to the Commission and invited to a seat.

The minutes were read and approved.

Bishop Hoss presented the report of the Committee on Federal Council:

"Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of a Federal Council of Episcopal Methodism, begs leave to submit the following report:

"*Resolved*, That the growth of the spirit of fraternity and of practical federation between evangelical Churches in many communities, and especially in this country between the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, suggests the advisability of instituting a *Federal Council* for these two Churches, which, without interfering with the autonomy of the respective Churches, and having no legislative functions, shall yet be invested with advisory powers in regard to world-wide missions, Christian education, the evangelization of the unchurched masses, and the charitable and brotherly adjustment of all conflicts and misunderstandings that may arise between the different Churches of Methodism."

(Signed.)

"E. E. Hoss,

"CYRUS D. FOSS."

On motion, carried by a rising vote, it was

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Joint Commission are hereby heartily tendered to the Rev. Dr. John F. Goucher for the hospitality and many kindnesses which have been extended to us by him and members of his family."

Bishop Foss called upon Bishop Hoss and Dr. Goucher to close the Commission with prayer, after which Bishop Foss pronounced the benediction, and the Commission adjourned.

* Delay in the issuance of the Journal was occasioned by failure, after diligent and protracted effort, to get these omitted reports.

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